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Prayer Book**



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TO THE HOLY GHOST

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## INTRODUCTION

**T**HIS work not only supplies the faithful with a number of very beautiful prayers to the Holy Ghost, it also brings to their notice and stresses a very important dogmatic truth. The prayers reveal the universal activity of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. By what in theology is called "the law of appropriation," the effective agency in the economy of redemption is attributed to the Third Divine Person. That this appropriation is not the indulgence of mere poetic fancy on the part of the theologian is made manifest by the words of our Divine Saviour, at the close of the Last Supper.

It goes without saying that there is an indivisible oneness in all the activities of the Divine Nature, as exercised outside the circle of the Divine Life proper. Yet the utter distinction of the Divine Persons from one another is a truth on the same level as the absolute oneness

of the Divine Nature which each possesses in its fullness. The Second Person alone became incarnate. Neither the Father nor the Holy Ghost took flesh. On the Son alone, through the humanity He assumed devolved the role of cancelling out sin and meriting redemption for mankind. His part in this divine drama ended, in a certain sense, with His ascension into heaven. The Third Divine Person then appears on the stage as the chief protagonist in all the succeeding scenes which have their dénouement in eternity. He carries out the work of redemption by forming the souls of men to the life won for them by Christ: He had inaugurated the work of redemption by forming Christ Himself in the womb of Mary.

All this is adumbrated in the Saviour's parting words to His apostles on the eve of His death. He intimated to them that, in a mysterious manner, His own part in their supernatural formation was

drawing to a close, and that His place in that work was to pass to another. As the Word of God, that is the Living Expression of what God is, it had been for Him to reveal God and God's mind. He had spent three years developing for them and for others the divine message. He had spoken clearly: men heard His words: but their souls did not lay hold of the implications of what He had said to them. The apostles caught the terms but missed the meaning of the sentences which were woven of these terms. Jesus says so explicitly: what is more He implies that it could not but be so. "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will teach you the truth. . . . The Holy Ghost will teach you all things and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you." (St. John XVI. 12, 13, and XIV. 26). Christ's exposition of

Divine Truth was but part of a whole process. He revealed: it belonged to Another to carry that supernatural doctrine into the very spirit of men and to cause the intelligence to be illuminated by it. The apprehension of Christ's meaning which was to come only after Christ's exaltation is to be due entirely to the active intervention of the Third Divine Person. Not only does the Holy Spirit enlighten the mind, He, as well, strengthens the will, so that it does not falter in face of the rude discipline of life that becomes of obligation on the apprehension of the Divine Truths. The moral code of Jesus is the logical consequence of the lofty status which He reveals as the condition of man when redeemed. **Noblesse oblige.** Born of water and the Holy Ghost, the Christian is an adopted child of God and co-heir with Christ. His actions must, of moral necessity, be stamped with the dignity that is his. But no external teaching, no stirring

exhortation, will suffice to enable the Christian to play worthily the part that has been assigned to him. There is needed for this a divine energy working from within. The Holy Spirit imparts this divine energy. The Passion generated the exhaustless reservoirs of the divine power. The Holy Spirit engineers the connections between these reservoirs and the soul of man.

The whole of a man's deliberate life and not merely the specifically religious parts of it, contribute to the work of educating a man to be a worthy citizen of heaven. All division of a Christian's activities into secular and religious is artificial. Whether he eats or drinks or whatsoever else he does, he must do in the spirit of a child of God. All must be invested with a Godward tendency. Every act of his whether concerned directly with God or directly with the concerns of human life, is meant by God to have its effect in forming and perfecting the Christian character.

The whole life of redeemed man, in God's design, is meant to be formative of him for heaven. It is the Holy Ghost whose inspirations can infuse that formative quality into men's actions. It is He, therefore, that presides over the whole area of human activity with a view to giving it an eternal significance and an eternal value. In a word, the Holy Ghost intervenes, when redemption has been won, to mould life to the form that it must have, if it is to adapt man for heaven.

It is the specific work of the Spirit of Jesus to form the Christian to be a Christian. Christ when leaving His apostles told them that they would not be deprived of a guide. Another would succeed Him, to lead them heavenwards. Their orphan state would end with the coming of that other. History reveals how this promise of Christ has been verified. The apostles were changed men after Pentecost. All the truth of Christ, henceforth, came from them without

error or without hesitation. But it was not only to them that Christ's promise was made. It was given in a certain proportion, to all the faithful of all times. The action of the Holy Ghost is revealed in that quasi-instinctive knowledge of the profound truths of supernatural religion which is discernible in those Christians who strive to shape their lives after Christ's teaching. Their enlightenment and their understanding of transcendental truths, are the bewilderment and the envy of those who are wise only with the wisdom of this earth.

Man's life is rightly lived when it bears him on undeviatingly to the Beatific Vision. The virtue of Prudence is needed to regulate life in this sense. The Spirit of Jesus infuses the virtue of Prudence into the activities of the whole Mystical Body of Christ and into each member of that Body. The Christian will order the affairs of his life — even in their temporal aspect, aright when he wills to submit

himself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. For the temporal life and the eternal are meant, in God's plan to form one indivisible whole. Temporal affairs are of interest to the Holy Ghost as well as eternal affairs, for the former prepare for the latter. The temporal furnishes men with the threads out of which the eternal is woven. The Holy Spirit presides at the loom. He sends the shuttle of divine grace through the Christian's doings and sufferings, weaving them into a divine pattern. When a man in all his decisions, enterprises and actions calls upon the Holy Ghost to enlighten and direct him, he lives a life on earth that will prove a progress towards heaven. It is most fitting that there should be, as there is in this prayerbook, an appropriate prayer to the Holy Spirit, for all the ordinary needs of life.

The Saviour gave the name Paraclete to the Third Divine Person. The word means one who exhorts and comforts. There is need



of fortitude on the part of the follower of Christ if he is to force his actions and his trials into that mould which shall give them a heavenly form and stamp them with eternity. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Force. He inspires courage and heroic endurance into his devout clients. This action of His was made manifest at the beginning of the Church's career. On the morning of Pentecost the timorous apostles were transformed into fearless champions of the faith. Not only was darkness dispelled from their minds, fear was also dispelled from their hearts. They found themselves emboldened to risk persecution and death in the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ. The Holy Spirit exhorts them to that enterprise: so too He heartens the individual Christian to establish the reign of God in his soul.

The path through life of the follower of Christ is a path plentifully strewn with trials and sorrows.

Grief weighs down the soul at times and paralyses its energies. It needs strengthening if it is not to shrivel up in the fires of tribulation. Human sympathy is powerless to minister this inner strength and comfort. It can be imparted only by God. The Divine Saviour sent His Holy Spirit to sustain and comfort the Christian in his trials. The Paraclete means one who comforts. The Holy Ghost is the love of God personified. That love of God has all the gentleness and understanding of maternal affection. It comes natural, therefore, to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity to cherish, to encourage and to give consolation to those of God's children who are fainting by the way, under a burden of grief.

We are wise when we turn to the Holy Ghost in all the issues of life, temporal as well as spiritual. Our recourse to Him should not be occasional and particular: it should be continual and in regard of all necessities. Father Hoeger in this

valuable book of prayers has shown the Christian how to exercise this universal appeal to the Holy Spirit, by providing a prayer for almost every eventuality. May his book serve to impart a tender devotion to the Holy Ghost, and give its readers to understand how intimate is the role played by the Holy Spirit in all the concerns of the Christian's life.

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## **Holy Days of Obligation**

*Days on which the faithful are bound to attend Mass and rest from servile work.*

All the Sundays of the year.

January 1 — The Circumcision of Our Lord, or New Year's Day.

Ascension Day.

August 15 — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

November 1—All Saints' Day.

December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

December 25—The Nativity of our Lord, or Christmas Day.

## **The Church Law of Fast and Abstinence**

1. The Law of Abstinence forbids the use of flesh-meat and of the juice thereof (soups, etc.). Eggs, cheese, butter and seasonings of food are permitted. The law of Fast permits only one full meal a day. However, it does not forbid the taking of a little food in the morning and evening.

2. All Catholics seven years old and over are obliged to abstain. All Catholics from the completion of their twenty-first to the beginning of their sixtieth year, unless lawfully excused, are bound to fast.

3. Abstinence is prescribed every Friday, unless a holy-day of obligation falls thereon.

Fasting and abstinence are prescribed in the United States on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent and Holy Saturday forenoon (on all other days of Lent fasting is prescribed and meat is allowed once a day) the Ember Days, viz., the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following the first Sunday of Lent, Pentecost or Whit-Sunday, the fourteenth day of September, and the third Sunday of Advent; the Vigils of Pentecost, Assumption, All Saints and Christmas. There is no fast or abstinence if a Vigil falls on a Sunday. Whenever meat is permitted, fish may be taken at the same meal. A dispensation is granted to the laboring classes and their families on all days of fast and abstinence, except Fridays, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday in Holy Week, Holy Saturday forenoon, and the Vigil of Christmas. When any member of such a family uses this privilege lawfully all the other members may avail themselves of it also; but those who fast may not eat meat more than once a day.

### LAY BAPTISM

Any person, whether man, woman or child, may baptize an infant; in case of danger of death. In such a case, take common water, pour it on the head or face of the child, and while you are pouring it say:

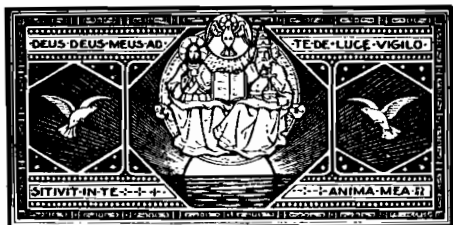
*"I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."*

PART I

Prayers and Devotions  
to the Holy Ghost







## Morning Prayers

✠ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: the earth is full of thy glory. Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Ghost.

### INTENTION

**O** HOLY Ghost, Divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to thee my mind, heart and will, my whole being for time and for eternity. May my mind be ever docile to thy divine inspirations and to the teachings of the holy Catholic Church whose infallible guide thou

art; my heart ever inflamed with the love of God and of my neighbor; my will ever conformable to the divine will; and my whole life a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and thee be honor and glory forever. Amen.

**E**TERNAL Spirit, increase within my soul, faith, hope and charity, that I may believe ever firmly the truths which thou hast revealed, hope ever confidently in thy divine promises, and love sincerely thee, my God, and all my fellow men who were created to thy image and likeness. Amen.

#### ACT OF FAITH

**O** MY God, I firmly believe all the sacred truths which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because thou hast revealed them who canst neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

## ACT OF HOPE

**O** MY God, relying on thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of thy grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

## ACT OF CHARITY

**O** MY God, I love thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because thou art infinitely perfect and worthy of all my love; I love my neighbor as myself for the love of thee. Amen.

## OUR FATHER

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## HAIL MARY

**H**AIL Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## THE APOSTLES CREED

**I** BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead: he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church, the com-

munion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING CONSECRATION TO THE  
HOLY GHOST

**S**PIRIT of Light, of Love and of Life, be with us every hour of this day. Illumine, vitalize, enkindle us. Lift up our hearts; keep in strength and in honor the body which thou has chosen for thine own temple. Grant to us integrity of purpose; cleanse us of self-love and self-deceit. Reveal to us the beauty of holiness, O thou who art the Spirit of Truth and not less the Comforter! Speak to us above the voices of the world, and give us grace evermore to hear thee—who together with the Father and the Son art one God for all eternity. Amen.

NUNC SANCTE

Come, Holy Ghost, with God the Son  
And God the Father ever one:  
Shed forth thy grace within our breast,  
And dwell with us a ready guest.

By every power, by heart and tongue  
By act and deed thy praise be sung:  
Inflame with perfect love each sense,  
That others' souls may kindle thence.

O Father let what we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ thine only Son,  
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee  
Shall live and reign eternally.      Amen.

### PRAYER

**O** GOD of love, through the gift of piety arouse in my soul an active living sympathy for the prisoners of my heavenly Master, who now suffer in purgatory. I wish to gain all the indulgences possible this day for those poor souls, especially for the repose of the soul of (*Name*). Speak, Lord, and I, thy distracted servant, will strive to hear; remind me often this day to breathe a short prayer for those suffering souls who love thee now more constantly than I do.

Holy Mary, chaste spouse of the Holy Ghost, help me to keep spotless the temple of the Divine Spirit within me.

Ye Saints of God, glorious temples of the same Divine Spirit, teach me to adorn the altar of my soul with the bright lights of good deeds and the beautiful flowers of virtue. Amen.





## Night Prayers

✠ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

The day is done, and with the night  
Let thanks and prayers and hymns begin.  
We cry to thee, O God of Light  
Keep thou our souls from stain of sin.

From our deep hearts we sing to thee.  
Our blended voices hail thy name,  
O Holy Love, our lover be,  
As we adore thee and proclaim.

Let not the mind in slothful ease  
Leave ought of evil to remain;  
Let faith drive forth all phantasies  
And every dream impure and vain.



Eternal Father, sole-born Son,  
And Holy Spirit, hear our prayer,  
Thou potent Godhead, three in one,  
Support and keep us in thy care.

How can I thank thee sufficiently,  
O Blessed Spirit, for all thou hast  
done for me! Thou hast guided me  
safely to the end of another day,  
and now I lay at thy feet the fruits  
of this day's labor. All the good is  
thine; all the evil and imperfections  
are mine. I call upon thy Immacu-  
late Spouse, the ever Blessed Vir-  
gin Mary, upon all the heavenly  
court and especially upon my Bless-  
ed patron Saint, to thank thee, love  
thee, and praise thee in my behalf.  
Amen.

O Holy Ghost, eternal source of  
light, dispel the darkness which  
conceals from me the filth and mal-  
ice of my sins. Grant me a lively  
sense of their enormity, that I may  
hold them in the utmost detesta-  
tion, and dread nothing so much as  
to commit them hereafter.

*(Examine your conscience to find out  
the sins you may have committed in  
thought, word, deed or omission.)*

## ACT OF CONTRITION

**O** MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend thee my God who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

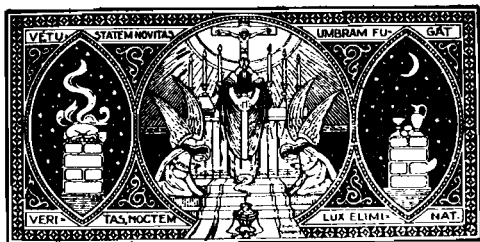
**O** ETERNAL Father, I offer thee the precious Blood of thy only begotten Son in reparation for my sins and those of all mankind.

**O** HOLY Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, let the might of thy love be ever more felt in the hearts of men. Let thy light shine upon the souls that are wandering in darkness far away from God. Turn them to the life-giving heart of Jesus. Strengthen the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying. Bless my parents, benefactors, friends and enemies. Per-

fect in them thy seven gifts and so make them thy temples here that thou mayest be adored in them forever hereafter. Amen.

**I**NTO thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Bless the repose which I am going to take, that, by renewing my bodily strength I may be the better enabled to serve thee. Amen.





## Devotions at Holy Mass

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts  
of thy faithful and kindle in them  
the fire of thy love.

Send forth thy Spirit and they  
shall be created

And thou shalt renew the face of  
the earth.

### LET US PRAY

**O** GOD who hast taught the  
hearts of thy faithful by the  
light of the Holy Ghost, grant that  
by the gift of the same Spirit, we  
may always be truly wise and ever  
rejoice in his holy consolations.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**O** GOD of love and mercy, give  
ear to our prayers and send  
down the Holy Ghost upon us, to en-  
able us to attend worthily the sac-

rifice of thy Divine Son. Through the same Holy Spirit, help us to approach so great a mystery with due reverence, awe and devotion. Strengthen our faith in the real presence, confirm our hope and confidence in the sacrifice of Jesus, increase our love for him who loved us even unto death. Amen.

## CONFITEOR

**I** CONFESS to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution and remission of our sins. Amen.

### KYRIE, ELEISON

Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

### AT THE GLORIA

**O** MY good and merciful Creator, O my most loving Father, hast thou indeed so far overlooked my misery and my unworthiness as to make my soul the tabernacle of thy Holy Spirit? O my God, accept the praises of thy angels and saints in thanksgiving for thy unbounded mercies towards me. May the bless-

ed Mother of thy Divine Son and the glorious company of thy Apostles, thank thee for me. May the cross of Jesus Christ defend me from all my enemies and save me at the last day. May the inward unction of sanctifying grace penetrate my soul, soften my heart, strengthen my will, and consecrate my whole being to thy service. Amen.

#### AT THE COLLECT

##### LET US PRAY

**O** GOD who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost; grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may relish what is right and ever rejoice in his holy consolations. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

#### BEFORE THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

**E**TERNAL Spirit of Truth, thou hast revealed to us through

thy great Apostle Peter, that there are things in the Epistles and other Scriptures that are hard to be understood, things which the unlearned wrest to their perdition. I thank thee sincerely for this warning. Suffer me not to be shipwrecked in my faith; make me ever a docile member of the Holy Catholic Church, for to her thou hast confided the eternal truths.

EPISTLE (ROM. VIII. 11-18)

**I**F the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you; he that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies, because of his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die: but if by the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live; for whosoever are lead by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spir-



it of bondage again in fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba (Father). For the Spirit himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God. And if sons, heirs also; heirs indeed of God, and joint-heirs with Christ: yet so, if we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him. For I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us.

#### BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**O** HOLY Ghost, eternal source of light and love, enlighten my mind and inflame my heart that the word of God may penetrate my whole being and like seed falling upon good ground, bring forth fruit a hundred-fold.

#### GOSPEL (JOHN XIV. 26-27)

**T**HE Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send

in my name, he will teach you all things and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

### THE NICENE CREED

**I** BELIEVE in one God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things, visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father, through whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate and was buried. The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and

ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

**A**ND I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and life-giver, who preceedeth from the Father and the Son: who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### AT THE OFFERTORY

**C**OME, thou Sanctifier, almighty, eternal God, and bless this sacrifice made ready for thy name. Through thy intervention we have Jesus Incarnate, who will soon descend upon the altar under the appearances of bread and wine.

Cleanse our hearts that they may be worthy to be offered in union with Jesus to the everlasting service of their Creator. Whether we eat or drink or whatever else we do, we wish to do all in union with Jesus crucified for the greater honor and glory of God. Amen.

*When the Priest washes his hands*

**O** MOST pure Spirit, wash me from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great goodness. I have done evil before thee; I have sinned against thee; I have wasted thy gifts and have grieved thee. If thou wilt sprinkle me, I shall be made clean; if thou wilt wash me, I shall be whiter than snow. By the merits of Jesus and his adorable blood, I ask thee to blot out all my iniquities. I ask thee, by thy love of the Incarnate Word, to renew in me a right spirit and make my

heart pure. So wilt thou strengthen me and give me joy. Thou wilt give me the joy of thy glory, that I may give thanks to thee. In thy love thou wilt call me, O Spirit of life, to thy heavenly kingdom.

#### AT THE SECRET PRAYER

**S**ANCTIFY, we beseech thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer: and purify our hearts by shedding upon them the light of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

#### PREFACE

**I**T is truly meet and just, right and profitable for us, at all times and in all places, to give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord; who ascending over all the heavens and sitting at thy right hand, did ac-

according to his word, send down the Holy Ghost upon the children of his adoption. Wherefore all peoples upon this earth rejoice with exceeding great joy; the heavenly Virtues and angelic Powers likewise sing a hymn to thy glory, unceasingly repeating: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. The heavens and the earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### DURING THE CANON OF THE MASS

**M**OST adorable Trinity; we venture with all humility and awe to approach the lofty throne of thine exalted Majesty; with our heads prostrate in the dust, we adore thee and give thee thanks for the endless blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us, miserable men. We thank thee, O eternal Father, and thee, O divine Son, for the gift thou hast given us of the

Holy Ghost. We thank thee, O Holy Spirit, who art at once the Gift and the Giver of all gifts of grace. We earnestly beseech thee, to bestow upon us, during this holy sacrifice, a bountiful share of the graces which Jesus merited for us on Calvary's heights.

#### MEMENTO FOR THE LIVING

**D**EAREST Jesus, before thou didst go to offer this sacrifice, in a bloody manner, on Calvary, on the eve of thy bitter passion, thou didst promise us another Comforter. Now that an equally solemn moment has come, we beseech thee, by the merits of thy bitter passion and death, send the Divine Comforter into the souls of all those who are near and dear to us, our benefactors, friends and enemies, those who guide the destinies of Church and State; strengthen them in the fearless performance of their duty; comfort them in their trials and disappointments; direct all their

labors to thy greater honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father, in unity with the same Holy Ghost, through all eternity. Amen.

### BEFORE THE ELEVATION

**M**OST Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, Father of the poor, Consoler of the afflicted, Light of minds and Sanctifier of souls, look upon us who lie prostrate in thy presence, adoring thee with the profoundest worship. A thousand times we bless thee, and with the Seraphim before thy throne we cry, Holy! Holy! Holy! We firmly believe, that thou art eternal God, consubstantial with the Father and the Son. Thy wisdom pierces every mystery. Thou comprehendest the grandeur of the act which is about to be accomplished on this altar. Prepare our dull intellects and our cold hearts to appreciate it. Before the altar, we conjure thee, to fill our souls with sentiments of faith,



adoration, gratitude and contrition. Show us Jesus as thou didst show him to the poor Shepherds on Christmas morning. Show us Jesus as thou didst show him to Mary Magdalene and to his Holy Mother Mary on Easter morning. O divine Spirit of grace and prayer, enable us to look on him whom we pierced by our sins, that we may detest sin above all things and suffer any loss rather than offend him grievously.

#### AT THE ELEVATION

*Before bowing in adoration, look up at the elevated Host and Precious Blood and cry out:*

**M**Y Lord and my God! I believe. O Lord, help my unbelief. Strengthen through the Spirit of Understanding, my faith in thy real presence under the consecrated species.

#### AFTER THE ELEVATION

**O** ETERNAL Father, how shall we ever bless and praise thee sufficiently or thank thee for thy

goodness as we ought? A thousand times blessed be thine infinite charity, thine infinite providence and thine infinite mercy, which moved thee to repair our miseries. Thou hast given us thy Son, who proceedeth from thee! Thou hast given us the Holy Ghost, who proceedeth from thee and the Son. What more can we ask and what shall we give unto thee in return? O Lord, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, of thy clemency, to take for thine own, our understanding, our will, all that we are for time and for eternity. Amen.

#### MEMENTO FOR THE DEAD

**M**OST merciful Jesus, have pity on the poor souls of the faithful departed. Put an end to the sufferings of (*here mention the names of those for whom we wish to pray*). Grant to all those for whom we are especially bound to pray, above all, to all the devout clients

of the Holy Ghost and of Mary, his Immaculate Spouse, eternal light, rest and happiness. Amen.

AT THE NOBIS QUOQUE  
PECCATORIBUS

**A**ND to us sinners, thy servants, hoping in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles, Martyrs and all thy Saints. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, grant us light and strength to avoid temptation, to atone for our transgressions and to follow in the footsteps of thy faithful servants who reign with thee in thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.

AT THE PATER NOSTER

**O** HOLY SPIRIT, fill my soul with the spirit of piety and filial affection that with proper dispositions I may say that prayer which Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### AT THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, send down the Spirit of peace upon us.

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE

**H**ORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to thy Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; regard not my sins but the faith of thy Church; and vouchsafe to it according to thy will, peace and

unity: who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

**L**ORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of the Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by thy death given life to the world; deliver me by this thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee who with the same God, the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

### COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord I am not worthy  
That thou shouldst come to me,  
But speak the words of comfort  
My spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I'll receive thee,  
The Bridegroom of my soul,  
No more by sin to grieve thee  
Or fly thy sweet control.

Mighty eternal Spirit  
Unworthy though I be,  
Prepare me to receive him,  
Entrust the Word to me.

### AFTER COMMUNION

**O** JESUS, though I am unable to fully comprehend the greatness of the benefits thou hast bestowed upon me in coming sacramentally (*spiritually*) into my soul, I thank thee as best I can; poor ungrateful creature that I am, I adore thee; I love thee with my whole heart and soul. Because I wish to love thee, not only in word but in very deed and truth, I beg thee, to send down the Holy Ghost upon me, to goad me on in thy service this day. The sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit which is in thy soul, is communicated to mine also with thy grace. Let it not be there in vain. I wish to be led by the Holy Spirit this day and every day of my life until I am safe in thy sweet embrace in heaven. Amen.

## END OF MASS

**O** GOD, I am about to leave this holy place whither thy Holy Spirit led me. I am going to return to the world whose spirit is opposed to that of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Withdraw not thy Holy Spirit from me lest the spirit of darkness ensnare me in his evil devices.

**O** MOST Holy Spirit, give me not up to the world's malice and wickedness. Let thy love embrace me; lead me by the hand; suffer not my forehead, upon which the holy unction marked the sign of the cross, to bow low and be ashamed of the maxims of Jesus Christ: allow not the members of my body to be sullied by sin: may my will never resist thine, O blessed Spirit, but be ever pliant under the motion of thy saving grace. Thou alone canst accomplish in me those good desires with which thou hast inspired me. Do this by thy grace and then do with me what thou wilt. Amen.





# Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost

*At the foot of the altar*

✠ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will go unto the altar of God: to God who giveth joy to my youth.

## PSALM 42

Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy; deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

For thou art God, my strength; why hast thou cast me off? And why go I sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

Send forth thy light and thy truth; they have conducted me and brought me unto thy holy hill, and into thy tabernacles.

And I will go unto the altar of God; to God who giveth joy to my youth.

To thee, O God, my God, I will give praise upon the harp; why art thou sad, O my soul, and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope in God for I will still give praise to him; the salvation of my countenance and my God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I will go to the altar of God; to God who giveth joy to my youth.

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
Who made heaven and earth.

*The Priest bowing says*

I CONFESS to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and all the Saints to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful

Lord grant us pardon, absolution  
and remission of all our sins. Amen.

Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to  
life

And thy people will rejoice in thee.

Show us, O Lord thy mercy.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord hear my prayer.

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit.

#### LET US PRAY

*Going up to the altar the Priest  
says silently*

TAKE away from us our iniqui-  
ties, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
that being made pure in heart, we  
may be worthy to enter into the  
holy of holies. Through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

*Kissing the altar the Priest says silently*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, by the  
merits of thy Saints whose  
relics are here, and of all the  
Saints, that thou wouldst vouch-  
safe to pardon me all my sins.  
Amen.

## INTROIT

*Read from the Missal*

THE Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole earth: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Let God arise and his enemies be scattered: and let them that hate him fly before his face. Glory be to the Father, etc.

## KYRIE

*Said at the center of the altar*

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

*N.B. There is no "Gloria in Excelsis" at an ordinary votive Mass of the Holy Ghost.*

*The Priest turns to the people saying*

The Lord be with you  
And with thy spirit.

## COLLECT

*Read from Mass book*

## LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost: grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be truly wise, relish what is right and ever rejoice in his holy consolations. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

## EPISTLE

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (VIII. 14-17)

**I**N those days when the Apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John; who, when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost; for he was not as yet come upon any of them; but they were only baptized in the name of the

Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

### GRADUAL

**B**LESSED is the nation whose God is the Lord: the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance. By the word of the Lord the heavens were established: and all the power of them by the spirit of his mouth. Alleluia, alleluia. (*Here all kneel*). Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Alleluia.

*The Priest bowing at the middle of  
the altar says silently*

**C**LEANSE my heart and my lips, O Almighty God, who didst cleanse with a burning coal the lips of the prophet Isaias; and vouchsafe in thy loving kindness so to purify me that I may be enabled worthily to announce thy holy Gospel. Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to bless me.

The Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that worthily and in a seemly manner, I may announce his Gospel. Amen.

### GOSPEL

℣ The Lord be with you

℟ And with thy spirit.

*Here the Priest signs the book  
and himself saying*

The continuation of the Gospel according to St. John (XIV. 23-31).

**A**T that time, Jesus said to his disciples: If any one love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and will make our abode with him. He that loveth me not, keepeth not my words: and the word which you have heard, is not mine, but the Father's who sent me. These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you: But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace

I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. You have heard that I said to you: I go away, and I come unto you. If you loved me, you would indeed be glad, because I go to the Father: for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it comes to pass: that when it shall come to pass, you may believe. I will not now speak many things with you; for the prince of this world cometh, and in me he hath not anything. But that the world may know, that I love the Father: and as the Father hath given me commandment, so do I.

*R.* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*The Priest kisses the book saying*

By the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

*N. B. The "Credo" is not recited at the ordinary votive Mass of the Holy Ghost. Turning to the people the Priest says*



✠ The Lord be with you  
 R And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY

OFFERTORY

CONFIRM this, O God, which thou hast wrought in us: from thy temple which is in Jerusalem, kings shall offer presents to thee.

OFFERING OF THE HOST

RECEIVE, O holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, this spotless host, which I, thy unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my countless sins, trespasses and omissions; likewise for all here present, and for all faithful Christians, whether living or dead, that it may avail me and them, to salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

*The Priest pours wine and water  
 into the chalice saying*

O GOD, who in creating man didst exalt his nature wonderfully, and yet more wonderfully didst establish it anew; by the

mystery signified in the mingling of this water and wine, grant us to have part in the Godhead of him who hath vouchsafed to share our manhood, Jesus Christ, thy son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

#### OFFERING OF THE CHALICE

**W**E offer up to thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thee, that of thy mercy, our sacrifice may ascend with an odor of sweetness in the sight of thy divine Majesty, to avail for our own and for the whole world's salvation. Amen.

*Bowing over the altar the Priest says*

Humbled in mind and contrite of heart, may we find favor with thee, O Lord; and may the sacrifice we this day offer up, be well pleasing to thee, who art our Lord and our God.

*The Priest raises his eyes and invokes  
the Holy Ghost thus*

Come thou the Sanctifier, al-

mighty eternal God, bless this sacrifice set forth to the glory of thy holy name.

*The Priest then washes his fingers at the epistle side saying*

### PSALM 25

I will wash my hands among the innocent; and will compass thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise; and tell of all thy marvelous works.

O Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house; and the place where thy glory dwelleth.

Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked; nor my life with bloody men.

In whose hands are iniquities; their right hand is filled with gifts.

But as for me, I have walked in my innocence; redeem me and have mercy on me.

My foot hath stood in the direct way; in the churches I will bless thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Bowing over the middle of the altar  
the Priest says*

**R**ECEIVE, O Holy Trinity, this oblation offered up by us to thee, in memory of the Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, of the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, of thy Saints whose relics are here, and of all thy Saints, that it be to them for an increase of honor and to us of salvation; and may they whose memory we celebrate on earth vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Turning to the people the Priest says*

Pray, Brethren, that this sacrifice, which is both mine and yours, may be well pleasing to God, the Father Almighty.

*The server answers*

May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, to our good like-

wise, and to that of all his holy Church.

*Facing the altar the Priest prays  
in secret.*

# SECRET

**S**ANCTIFY, we beseech thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer: and purify our hearts by shedding upon them the light of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost

# PREFACE

World without end. Amen.

℣ The Lord be with you

℞ And with thy spirit.

℣ Lift up your hearts.

℞ We have them lifted up unto the Lord.

℣ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℞ It is meet and just.

**I**T is truly meet and just, right and profitable, for us, at all

times and in all places, to give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Through Christ our Lord; who ascending over all the heavens and sitting at thy right hand, didst according to his word, send down the Holy Ghost upon the children of his adoption. Wherefore, all peoples upon this earth rejoice with exceeding great joy; the heavenly Virtues and the angelic Powers likewise sing a hymn to thy glory, unceasingly repeating: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of host. The heavens and the earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### THE CANON OF THE MASS

**T**HEREFORE, we very humbly beg and beseech thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, to receive and bless these gifts, these oblations, these holy and spotless sacrifices, which, in the first place,

we offer thee for thy holy Catholic Church; do thou vouchsafe to pacify, guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world; together with thy servant (*Name*)—our Pope, (*Name*)—our Bishop, as well as all orthodox believers and those who profess the Catholic and apostolic faith.

#### MEMENTO FOR THE LIVING

**B**E mindful, O Lord, of thy servants and of thy handmaids (*the Priest pauses here for a moment to recall those whom he wishes to remember in prayer*) and all here present, whose faith and devotion are known to thee; for whom we offer, or who offer up to thee, this sacrifice of praise for themselves and all pertaining to them, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and safety, and who pay their vows unto thee, the eternal God, living and true.

## WITHIN THE CANON

**I**N communion with and honoring the memory, especially of the glorious ever virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Lord Jesus Christ; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that in all things we may be made secure by the aid of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*Extending his hands over the oblation,  
the Priest says*

**T**HIS oblation, therefore, of our service, and that of thy whole family, we beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept, and to dispose our days in thy peace, and to command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered



in the flock of thy elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which oblation do thou, O God, we beseech thee, vouchsafe to make in all things blessed, approved, ratified, reasonable and acceptable; that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up toward heaven, unto thee, O God, his almighty Father, giving thanks to thee did bless, break and give unto his disciples saying: Take ye all and eat of this: **FOR THIS IS MY BODY.**

In like manner, after they had supped, taking also into his holy and venerable hands this goodly chalice, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take ye all and drink of it: **FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TES-**

TAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS. As often as you do these things, you shall do them in memory of me.

Wherefore, O Lord, bearing in mind the blessed Passion of the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, together with his resurrection from the grave, and also his glorious ascension into heaven, we, thy servants, and likewise thy holy people, offer up to thine excellent Majesty from among the things thou hast given to us and bestowed upon us, a Victim which is pure, a Victim which is holy, a Victim which is stainless, the holy Bread of life everlasting and the Cup of eternal salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon it with a gracious and tranquil countenance, and to accept it, even as thou wast pleased to accept the offerings of righteous Abel, thy servant, the

sacrifice of Abraham our Patriarch, and that which Melchisedech, thy high priest, offered up to thee, a holy sacrifice, a victim without blemish.

*The Priest bowing down over the altar says*

**H**UMBLY we beseech thee, almighty God, to command that by the hands of thy holy Angel, this our sacrifice be uplifted to thine altar on high, into the very presence of thy divine Majesty, and to grant that as many of us as, by partaking thereof from this altar, shall have received the adorable Body and Blood of thy Son, may be filled with every heavenly blessing and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE  
DEPARTED

**B**E mindful also, O Lord, of thy servants and of thine handmaids N. N. who have gone before us with the sign of faith and who

sleep the sleep of peace (*pause here to recall the departed to be prayed for*). To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, of light and of peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To us also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all thy Saints: into whose company, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merits, but freely pardoning us our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

Through whom, O Lord, thou dost always create, sanctify, vivify, bless and bestow upon us all these good things. Through him and with him and in him is unto thee, God the Father almighty, in the unity

of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

LET US PRAY

**A**DMONISHED by wholesome precepts, and taught by God himself, we presume to pray:—Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**D**ELIVER us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin, Mother of God, together with thy blessed Apostles, Peter, Paul and Andrew, and all thy Saints, graciously give peace in our days; that aided by the help of thy mercy, we may be always free from sin and secure from all

disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost. World without end. Amen.

✠ The peace of the Lord be ever with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

*Whilst saying the above verse the Priest breaks the Sacred Host, and dropping a small particle into the chalice says*

May this commingling and consecrating of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, be to us who shall receive it, unto life everlasting. Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

*The Priest strikes his breast and says*

✠ LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*The Priest recites the following three prayers as immediate preparation for holy Communion*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to thine Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not upon my sins but upon the faith of thy Church, and vouchsafe to give it that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will: who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father and the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by thy death given life to the world, deliver me, by this thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my iniquities and from all evils; and make me always adhere to thy commandments and suffer me never to be separated from thee. Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

**L**ET not the partaking of thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume

to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but by thy mercy, let it be profitable to the protection and health, both of my soul and my body, and be to me salvation: who with God the Father, in unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

I will take the bread of heaven and will call upon the name of the Lord.

*The Priest strikes his breast and says*

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: but say only the word, and my soul shall be healed.

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*About to receive the Sacred Host  
the Priest says*

**M**AY the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

*Whilst preparing the chalice  
the Priest says*

**W**HAT shall I render to the Lord for all the things that he hath rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising will I call upon the Lord and I shall be saved from my enemies.

*When about to receive the Precious Blood  
the Priest says*

**M**AY the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

*When rinsing the chalice with wine  
the Priest says*

**W**HAT we have taken with our mouth, O Lord, may we receive with a pure mind; and from a temporal gift may it become for us an everlasting remedy.

*When washing his fingers over the chalice  
the Priest says*

**M**AY thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my inmost parts: and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom the pure and holy mysteries have refreshed: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

### COMMUNION

*Said on epistle side of altar after chalice  
is covered*

There came suddenly a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming where they were sitting, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking the wonderful works of God.

℣ The Lord be with you  
℟ And with thy spirit.

### POST-COMMUNION

LET US PRAY

**M**AY the inpouring of the Holy Ghost cleanse our hearts, O Lord, as dew sprinkled over our

innermost being. May his presence render us fruitful in good works. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

*At the center of the altar the Priest  
turns and says*

✠ The Lord be with you

✠ And with thy spirit.

✠ Let us bless the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

*Bowing over the altar the Priest says*

**M**AY the performance of my homage be pleasing to thee, O Holy Trinity, and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable unto thee, and may, through thy mercy, be a propitiation for myself and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

May you be blessed by almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## LAST GOSPEL

℣ The Lord be with you

℟ And with thy spirit.

℣ The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

℟ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to give testi-

mony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH**, and dwelt among us, (and we saw his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. *R* Thanks be to God.





## Devotion to the Holy Ghost and the Sacraments

### Baptism

A CAREFUL study of the sacraments as they are unfolded to us in Holy Scripture, in Sacred Tradition and in the prayers and ceremonies of the Church, reveals a beautiful phase of the operation of the Holy Ghost within the Christian soul. In the first instruction Jesus gave on the necessity of Baptism, he pointed out the secret of the omnipotent power of the sacrament of Baptism when he said: "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Man's soul cannot be cleansed by the natural power of water itself. Hence St. Cyril, commenting on the words of our Saviour just quoted,

says: "By the operation of the Holy Ghost the waters are endowed with divine power by which they cleanse the child of wrath." Before we acquired even a semblance of right to God's friendship, the Holy Ghost made us, by Baptism, the children of God and heirs to the infinite riches of heaven.

We honor her who gave us birth in the flesh; her title of **MOTHER** means the world to us, and so it should. But, do we ever think of honoring the Holy Spirit, through whom we were born again unto the eternal life of heaven? Each time we regain or strengthen sanctifying grace in our souls by the reception of any one of the sacraments, we should breath a prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Ghost, for the grace of Baptism, which opened to us the treasure of the Church, and renew our baptismal vows.

PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF  
BAPTISMAL VOWS

**O** GOD, the Holy Ghost, who didst descend upon me on the

day of my baptism, perfect in me the work thou didst then begin. My mother conceived me in sin; I was born a child of wrath, but thou didst restore to me the life of grace; thou didst make me a brother of Christ and an heir to the glory of heaven. Alas, I have often proven myself unworthy of these noble prerogatives. O Spirit of mercy, forgive my past delinquencies. I desire to serve thee for the rest of my life as thou deservest. Therefore, I come to renew the promises which were made for me when I was baptized.

I renounce, with all my heart, Satan, his pomps and works; the world and all its vanities; sin and all the desires of the flesh. I wish to adore thee, to love thee and to serve thee. O Holy Spirit, principle of all good, be thou the author of all my thoughts, of all my desires, of all my actions, so that henceforth there may be nothing in me unworthy of a child of God, a brother of Jesus Christ, and a



member of the Holy Catholic Church. Amen.

## Confirmation

**W**HEN the Apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. For he was not as yet come upon any of them; but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." (Acts VIII. 14-17). The rite which the Apostles conferred upon the Samaritans that day, the Bishop confers on us when he confirms us. Confirmation is a sacrament by which the faithful, who have already been made children of God by Baptism, receive the Holy Ghost to make them strong and perfect Christians and valiant soldiers of Jesus Christ. We are all bound to fight against sin and

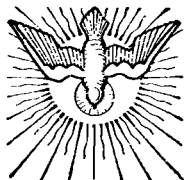
Satan; therefore we should receive this sacrament and thereby put on the armor of grace. If we have already received this sacrament, we should pray occasionally for a renewal of the grace thereof; for that purpose the following prayer is suggested:

PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF  
THE GRACE OF THE SACRAMENT  
OF CONFIRMATION

**M**Y Lord and my God, I have received through thy mercy, the holy sacrament of Confirmation. Preserve, I beseech thee, in my soul, and renew therein continually, the powerful effects of this sacred ordinance that I may be enabled thereby, to perform all the obligations of a perfect Christian. I have been enlisted in thy heavenly army and have received the character of a soldier of Jesus Christ. Grant that, always and everywhere, I may prove myself the faithful servant of him, in whom dwelleth the fullness of the Spirit;

and shedding forth the odor of a holy life, may edify my neighbor by my good example. Grant, I most humbly beseech thee, that neither the world nor the customs of the world, may infect my soul with their pernicious example. May its vain flatteries and allurements never succeed in deceiving me. Let not the spirit of the times, but the Spirit of God, inspire my every thought, word and deed. Preserve and increase in my soul, the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of truth; the Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest ways of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my crosses with thee and struggle against all obstacles to my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know thee and know myself; the Spirit of Piety, that filled with a tender

and filial confidence in thee, I may joyfully embrace all that pertains to thy service; the Spirit of holy Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards thee, a reverence that will effectively keep me from sin and lead me to the joys of life everlasting. Amen.



## Penance

**W**E need but read the account given in the Bible of the institution of the power to forgive sin, to realize that devotion to the Holy Ghost should have its place in our preparation for the reception of this sacrament. By the Holy Ghost is this power in the Church, a power which the Jews called, divine. When Jesus was about to give his Apostles the power to forgive sin, Holy Scripture tells us: "He breathed on them, and he said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."

### DEVOTIONS FOR CONFESSION

#### *Before Confession*

**O**NLY thine own words, dearest Saviour; "I came not to call the just, but sinners to penance," make me bold enough to dare to expect pardon from thee. How many times thou hast pardoned me,

and how many times I have begun again to offend thee! But thou didst not drive away Magdalen; to Matthew thou didst give a special invitation to repentance; thou didst condescend to go into the house of Zaccheus, there to receive his promises and confirm his good resolution; the publicans found thine arms wide open to receive them into thy friendship again when they repented of their sins. It is unknown that a sinner was ever repulsed by thee; a humble and contrite heart thou wilt not despise. Animated with the confidence which this inspires, I beg thee, to send down upon me the Comforter from above, the Spirit of Light and Love, to enlighten the dark labyrinths of my soul, to enkindle there, once again, the fire of love, to lead me, humble and contrite sinner, to the sacred tribunal of penance.

**O** HOLY Ghost, uncreated Love of the ever Blessed Trinity, living Fire come down from heaven, purify my soul in the fire of thy

love, and burn up all the dross in it. Pierce my soul with a salutary fear of God, not with the fear of the slave but with the fear of a loving child for the best of Fathers. Give me a profound sense of my own wretchedness and thine infinite Majesty.

**O** HOLY Ghost, eternal source of light, dispel the darkness which conceals from me the filth and malice of my sins. Grant me a lively sense of their enormity, that I may hold them in the utmost detestation, and dread nothing so much as to commit them hereafter.

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*Close your prayer book and examine your conscience as you honestly think God would examine it, if you were this moment standing before his judgment seat; then open your book and read through the following list. It may recall sins you have forgotten. If you find you have committed any of them, ask yourself how often you have committed them since your last confession and whether you have committed*

*them under circumstances that would increase your guilt, e.g., before children etc., and then confess them as you know them before God.*

### FIRST COMMANDMENT

*I am the Lord thy God, etc.*

Have you detracted from the honor due to God by—neglect of prayer, at morning, at night, at meals, by superstitious practices, by going to fortune tellers, believing in dreams, by using blessed objects disrespectfully, by being disrespectful in church, by making bad confessions or communions, by concealing serious sins in confession?

Have you doubted articles of faith, read books dangerous to faith, gone to non-Catholic churches, neglected means of religious instruction?

Have you despaired of God's mercy, murmured against God or your crosses, rashly presumed on God's mercy by going on sinning?

### SECOND COMMANDMENT

*Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.*

Have you used God's name irreverently, sworn, cursed, taken a false or unnecessary oath, joined a forbidden society, broken a vow?



## THIRD COMMANDMENT

*Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.*

Have you missed Mass on Sunday or a holyday? Why? Were you late for Mass? Why? How late? Have you done servile work on those days? How long? Why? Did you oblige others to do so?

## FOURTH COMMANDMENT

*Honor thy father and thy mother.*

If a child—have you disobeyed, grieved, dishonored your parents? Have you struck them, caused them to swear, wasted their property by your neglect, refused them your aid?

If a parent—have you neglected to instruct your children in their religion? Have you neglected to correct them, or done so in fits of rage with cursing? Have you watched over their reading, their games, their companions? Do you make them pray?

If husband or wife—do you neglect your duties to each other?

If employer—do you give your employees proper pay? Do you overwork them? Do you treat them kindly and give them a proper amount of time for themselves?

If employee—do you render loyal service to your employer or shirk duty? Do you betray his confidence by revealing

his business matters, his secrets, or by lying about him?

### FIFTH COMMANDMENT

*Thou shalt not kill.*

Have you been guilty of anger or violent passion? Have you desired anyone's death? Have you revenged yourself or desired revenge? Have you quarreled or provoked others to it? Have you done anything rash that would injure your health or that of others? Have you injured others spiritually by bad example or by leading them into sin?

### SIXTH COMMANDMENT

*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Have you been guilty of any immodesty or impurity in any way, alone or with others?

### SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

*Thou shalt not steal.*

Have you been guilty of stealing, cheating, damaging the property of others and to what extent? Do you possess stolen goods or have you bought goods which were probably stolen? Have you cheated in any way? Have you delayed making efforts to pay your bills? Have you neglected to do the work you are paid for, or charged for time you wasted? In all these sins you must make restitution.

## EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

*Thou shalt not bear false witness  
against thy neighbor.*

Have you been guilty of lying, perjury, fraud in elections or examinations, etc.? Have you lied about another's character or even spoken of his true faults? Have you restored the good name of those whom you injured in character? Are you guilty of rash judgments, suspicious of others? Have you been guilty of hypocrisy?

## NINTH COMMANDMENT

This commandment forbids even all thoughts or desires against holy purity.

## TENTH COMMANDMENT

This commandment is violated when we wrongly desire to get possession of our neighbor's goods, or foster class hatred because of this.

## PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

First Precept included under the third commandment of God.

Second Precept—Have you neglected to fast or abstain without sufficient reason on days commanded to be observed by the Church?

**Third and Fourth Precept**—Have you omitted to go to confession at least once a year? Have you failed to go to holy communion during the Easter season?

**Fifth Precept**—Have you neglected to contribute to the support of your Church and your Pastor?

**Sixth Precept**—Have you attempted to get married against the laws of the Church before a magistrate or minister, or to one related by blood, or without revealing to the priest what you suspect to be an impediment?

### THE CAPITAL OR DEADLY SINS

**Pride**—Have you been guilty of pride or contempt of others?

**Covetousness**—Have you craved after money or worldly possessions? Have you been miserly and hard towards others in money matters? Have you failed in the opposite manner by squandering your money?

**Lust**—These sins come under the sixth and the ninth commandments.

**Anger**—See the fifth Commandment.

**Gluttony**—Have you eaten or drunk to excess or led others to do so?

**Envy**—Have you envied another or felt satisfied when sorrow or misfortune came to him? Have you been jealous?

**Sloth**—Have you been guilty of laziness, neglect of duty, waste of time?

## DUTIES OF OUR STATE

Have you neglected your duties as physician, nurse, lawyer, teacher, religious, employer, employee, father, mother, guardian, official of town or state?

Have you been a party to another's sin by counsel, command, consent, concealment, provocation, or by partaking of stolen goods?

## ACT OF CONTRITION

**O** MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

*(Enter the confessional determined, with God's help, to make a complete, frank, humble, and contrite acknowledgment of your sins. Perform your penance as soon as possible.)*

*After Confession*

**O** ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, hast vouchsafed to receive again thy prodigal child, after so many times going astray from thee, and to admit me to this sacrament of reconciliation, I give thee thanks with all the powers of my soul for this and all other mercies, graces and blessings bestowed on me, a most unworthy sinner. Prostrating myself at thy sacred feet, I offer myself now to be henceforth forever thine. O, let nothing in life or in death ever separate me from thee! I once more renounce, with my whole soul, all my treasons against thee, and all the abominations and sins of my past life. I renew my promises made in baptism, and from this moment I wish to be ever loyal and true to thee. Come, O Holy Ghost, confirm and complete within me the work commenced by thee at my baptism.

Help me, O Holy Spirit, to be ever ready to appear before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. I am weak and unstable, but I long to become strong and resolute in good. Through my own faithlessness I have often been overcome by temptation. Without thee I can do nothing but with thy help I can keep from sin and grow in grace. Thou art my strength against the tempter. O, Ever-living Spirit, dear and loving to me, make me ever more thine own, that I may walk in thy light and inherit thy promises. Keep before my eyes the judgment to which I must come. Enlighten my path through life, that I may safely reach the city of eternal bliss, whither Christ has gone to prepare a place for those who serve him to the end. Amen.



## Holy Eucharist

**I**N the ages when the Christian altar had no tabernacle, the Blessed Sacrament was kept in a silver or golden dove. Why, you may ask, did the Church use a dove-shaped receptacle for the Holy Eucharist? The answer is evident. From the beginning she must have associated devotion to the Holy Ghost, who is represented by the dove, with devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The dove within which our Eucharistic Saviour was concealed reminded the faithful that, through the Holy Ghost, Jesus became Incarnate and through him he is with us in the Blessed Sacrament. He who gave us our Incarnate Saviour, he who prepared Mary to receive that Saviour into her chaste womb, will assist us to receive our Divine Master worthily if we seek his aid in prayer.

Sacred Scripture tells us of the holy old man Simeon, that "he came by the Spirit into the temple.



And when his parents brought in the child Jesus—he also took him into his arms, and blessed God, and said: Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace because my eyes have seen thy salvation.” (Luke II. 27-30). If, led by the Spirit of God, we go in the early hours of the morning to the Church, Jesus will be even more propitious to us than he was to that holy old man who spent his whole life in God’s service. He will come, not only into our arms, but body and blood, soul and divinity, he will come into our poor sinful souls, to fill them with that supernatural peace which comes from the realization that God is with us no matter who or what is against us.

## DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

### *Preparation*

**O** GOD of infinite goodness, receive, I beseech thee, my most hearty thanks for all the favors

which thou hast bestowed on me from my birth, particularly because thou hast been pleased to call me to thy banquet table to make the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of thine own Son the substantial food of my soul. How can I prepare myself worthily for so great a grace? Thou didst prepare the soul of Mary for the first visit of the Incarnate Word by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost. I venture to implore thee to pour forth the same Divine Spirit into my soul, to infuse into it the dispositions necessary to make it a worthy habitation of my Lord, Jesus Christ. Alas! my God, I am far from possessing those sentiments of faith, love, humility, and fervor which ought now to animate my soul; but all things are possible to thee, and thou hast promised to give to them that ask.

## ACT OF FAITH

**O**F a truth I firmly believe, O good Jesus, and with lively faith confess that thou thyself, equal to God the Father in glory and in power, true God and man, art verily and indeed present in this sacrament; for thou the eternal Truth hast said: THIS IS MY BODY, THIS IS MY BLOOD. I believe, dearest Jesus, help my unbelief; increase my faith in this great mystery of faith.

## ACT OF HOPE

**W**ORD, I am weak and sick but thou art my strength and my health. Those that are well need not a physician but those that are ill: therefore, I come to thee, the physician of my soul. Come into my soul and heal the wounds which sin and Satan have inflicted upon it. Be to me a bulwark of defense in the battle of life and a pledge of eternal salvation hereafter. In thee, sweet Jesus, I have hoped; let me never be confounded.

## ACT OF LOVE

**O** JESUS, how great was that love which drew thee down into this vale of tears to live, suffer and die a most shameful death for me, wretched sinner that I am! O Love unfathomable, that thou shouldst have performed the most stupendous miracles, to be able to be here this day, Body and Blood, under the appearance of a particle of bread, to become the food of my sinful soul! O Jesus, how thou dost love me! Help me to love thee in return. Come into my soul and enkindle there such a raging fire of love for thee that it will consume the dross of self-love. Come, O Jesus, my love and my all!

## ACT OF HUMILITY

**W**HO am I that I should dare to approach thee, O Jesus? Wretchedness, meanness, pettiness, selfishness, vitiate even my best acts in thy service. All that I am, all that I have, comes from thee. Add this one mercy and deign to

come into my poor soul. My own helplessness gives me confidence in thee. A humble and a contrite heart thou wilt not despise.

### INTENTION

**D**EAR Saviour, I wish to receive thee in remembrance of thy most bitter passion and death; to thank thee for all the favors bestowed upon our holy Mother the Church and upon this nation whose protection I enjoy; to obtain the virtues and graces I need most in my state of life; to pray for the Holy Father, the Bishops and Priests of the church, and for our civil rulers, to pray for my relatives, benefactors, friends and enemies, for the conversion of sinners and for all the faithful departed. In a special manner I intend to offer this holy communion for N....

### *Thanksgiving*

**O** JESUS, conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, I adore thee. I believe that

thou art as truly present in this sacrament which I have just received, as thou wast present in the womb of Mary, thine own dear Mother. I beg her and the Angels and Saints to help me to thank thee worthily for thy goodness in coming to me, a sinful creature. Not because I merited this great favor did I dare to approach the altar, but because thou didst give a special invitation to repentant sinners. Dearest Jesus, be to me personally a Jesus, a merciful Saviour. In thee have I hoped; let me not be confounded.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art full of pity for all men, nor hatest aught of that which thou hast made, have mercy on me a poor creature into whose heart thou hast deigned to descend. Be not angry with me, nor shut up against me thy measureless mercy. Trusting not to any good works of my own, but remembering thy loving kindness, I prostrate myself in humble prayer before thee. Blot out my in-

iquity and kindle in me the fire of the Holy Ghost whom thou didst promise to the Apostles the very day thou didst give us this sacrament of love. Take from me my heart of stone and give me a heart burning with love. Dearest Jesus, send down the Divine Comforter, the Holy Spirit, upon me and all the needy. Before thee I lay the wants of the poor, the sorrows of nations, the groanings of those in bondage, the blindness of heretics and pagans, the sufferings of the sick, the struggles of the dying, the failing strength of the aged, the desolation of the fatherless, the tears of the bereaved widows, the trials of the brave missionaries, the cares of those in religious and civil authority, the laudable ambitions of the young, the high desires of thy elect, finally the needs of all for whom I am bound to pray. Dearest Jesus, send down upon us all, the Holy Spirit, the Lord of Light, the Father of the poor, the Comforter of the afflicted, the Healer of all

wounds, the Fire of Love, the spotless Dove of peace. Mayest thou reign over all hearts together with the Father and the same Holy Ghost through all eternity. Amen.

As I linger in the shadow of the tabernacle, dearest Jesus, my thoughts wander back to the happy day that gave thee to us as our own dear Jesus, one with us in all save that of which we must be ashamed, our sins. Back even beyond the first Christmas morn, my imagination carries me, until I behold a fair Virgin wrapped in contemplation. She has just finished a prayer. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord," she prayed; "Be it done unto me according to thy word." Thy word to her was omnipotent. The messenger said: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore, the Holy One which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

From that moment to this, dear Lord, thou hast performed almost



endless miracles to be able to tarry amongst us, to be here even this moment in the tabernacle for my sake, to listen to my shallow praises, to accept my feeble tokens of thanks, to help and encourage me to imitate thee and thine own dear Mother.

Teach me, dear Lord, thy Mother's prayer. Burn it into the fleshy tablets of my heart, write it in indelible characters on the leaves of my memory—Behold the servant of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word—Send down the Holy Ghost upon me also, to enable me to be a faithful servant, ready to sacrifice all rather than offend thee grievously. I cannot tarry long here in thy presence. Soon I must go forth to face other duties. Send me the Comforter, the eternal Spirit, from above, to lead me on courageously where the path of duty winds through the rough rocky roads of trials and difficulties. Do not allow me to turn back or shirk duty. Send down upon me,

the Spirit of salutary Fear, that along the pleasant highways of life I may not go aside to enjoy the forbidden fruits of sin. It is because thou lovest me that thou hast blended joy with sorrow, pleasure with pain. But let me never forget that whilst all things were made for me, I was made for thee alone, to know thee and love thee together with the Father and the same Holy Ghost throughout a blissful eternity. Amen.



## Prayers in Honor of the Holy Ghost for Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

### 1.

**O** HOLY Ghost, through whose intervention Jesus became Incarnate, assist me to render due homage to that same dear Lord, hidden in the tabernacle. I long to be with him that he may become all mine and I all his. He is the bread of life, the supersubstantial bread come down from heaven. O that I could appreciate its sweetness! By thy gift of wisdom, Holy Spirit, help me to correct my vitiated tastes and appreciate the sweetness of that Bread come down from heaven. When I cannot receive my Jesus really into my breast, make me desire to be at least near him in the tabernacle. Be to me, O Spirit of light and love, a beacon light to direct my wander-

ing steps to the foot of the altar, there to learn to love my Jesus ever more and more.

## 2.

**I**N the light of the tabernacle, I ask thee, O Holy Ghost, to fill my heart with pure desire for Jesus, the living Bread. Give me grace to adore him with the Holy Angels; help me to thank him for all his gifts, and most of all for himself. By this holy Sacrament he strengthens souls on earth and gives rest to souls in purgatory, and gladdens souls in heaven. He is the hidden Manna promised by himself to all who wish to enter into eternal life. Thy grace will bring me in safety to him. May I taste the sweetness of Jesus! May my soul be kept by thee very bright for the coming of my Spouse.

## 3.

**C**LEANSE my heart, O Holy Spirit, for this heavenly food wherein Jesus gives me himself.

Strengthen my faith that I may see Jesus in this Sacrament of his body and blood. There is in me a law by which I am in danger of falling into the captivity of sin. I have often to go on my heavenward journey, through darkness and temptation; be thou my light and guide. In thee I trust. By thy grace I can do all things that Jesus wishes me to do. With utter trust I rest upon thee. Set up thy kingdom within my soul; keep my body under control and bring it into subjection, lest I should be a castaway from Jesus. Above all, deliver me from the terrible sin of approaching Holy Communion unworthily.

4.

**O** HOLY Ghost, let my life be hidden with Jesus in God. Give me grace to live for God only, and to use creatures in him and for his glory. Let the beauty of my eucharistic God blind me to the beauty of the world; let the light of the sanctuary lamp blind me to the glitter

and glamour of earthly allurements. To thee, O Spirit of deathless Love, I turn for help. Take from me all inordinate human respect, for, wrong regard of creatures blights the soul so that its fruits are withered. Help me to think more of Jesus; to be more faithful to Jesus who comes to me so willingly from the altar. Give me more love for Jesus that I may welcome him more heartily each time he condescends to come into my poor soul.

## 5.

**O** HOLY Ghost, fill me with salutary fear of the Lord, lest my reception of the Blessed Sacrament ever become a matter of routine or human respect, instead of a pledge of love and affection. Keep me from offending my God. Create in me a humble and a contrite heart, that I may always approach the holy altar with a profound conviction of my unworthiness and the infinite condescension of my Saviour.

## 6.

**O** HOLY Ghost, give me a great hunger for the Bread of Life. Do thou, by that bread which is Jesus, satisfy my soul, strengthen it, and make it full of life. I am needy with a great need, but this Bread of heaven is the life of the poor; let it be my life. Without thee, Blessed Spirit, I cannot even pronounce the name of Jesus as I should; how much more do I need thy aid to receive him worthily into my sinful heart. Help me by thy grace.

## 7.

**E**TERNAL Father, wash me from my sins in the blood of Jesus. Eternal Son, fill me with the fire of thy heart. Eternal Spirit, make me glad in the sweet presence of Jesus.

O Eternal Father, crush all the powers of evil under my feet. O Eternal Son, wash my soul in thy precious blood. O Eternal Spirit,

hide me more and more with God; and let there be in me more and more of the mind of Jesus. Teach my lips and give them taste for the Bread of Life. O, lift me up, dear Spirit, from the dust of the earth. Kindle in my soul the fire of love for Jesus, that I may ever long to be united with him through life, deserve to receive him at the hour of death, and enjoy his visible presence throughout eternity. Amen.

## 8.

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who wast conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, I adore thee in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar, in which thou givest us thy divine presence.

Thou didst promise to thine Apostles, the Holy Ghost as their Comforter and Teacher, who should remain with the Church forever. Through his ever abiding assistance, thy Church is the pillar and ground of truth against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. By the



inspiration of that same Spirit I was led here to adore thee, to praise thee, to thank thee, my Lord and my God. To thee with the Father and the same Holy Ghost be benediction and glory and wisdom and honor and power forever and ever. Amen.



## Extreme Unction

**A**S the disabled ship at sea stands a better chance to escape shipwreck if the storm subsides, so the human body, disabled by sickness, has a better chance, even of physical recovery, when the storms of passion are allayed and the threatening clouds of past misdeeds are dispersed by the worthy reception of the last sacraments. Therefore, as believing Christians, we should put away the superstitious notion that the priest is the last one to call to our sick, after the physician and all earthly remedies have failed. Jesus gave us the sacrament of Extreme Unction to cure the ills of the body, if that be expedient, as well as those of the soul. Conscious of this truth, the Church instructs her priests to pray as follows, after anointing the sick person: "Cure, we beseech thee, O our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, the ailments of this sick man, heal his wounds and forgive

his sins; drive out from him all pains of body and mind." Thus the Church invokes the same loving Spirit who poured grace into our hearts and made our bodies his temples on the day of baptism, to come to our aid and finally crown his work in our soul if our end is at hand.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK  
ALREADY ANOINTED

*(Taken from the Priest's New Ritual)*

**L**ORD God, who hast spoken by thine Apostle James, saying: "Is any man sick among you? Let him call in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him;" cure, we beseech thee, O our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, the ailments of this sick man; heal his wounds and forgive his sins; drive out from him all

pains of body and mind, and mercifully restore to him full health, both inwardly and outwardly: that having recovered by the help of thy mercy, he may once more have strength to take up his former duties. Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**O** GOD, who hast poured the virtue of Charity, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, into the hearts of the faithful, grant to thy servant (*Name*) for whom we implore thy mercy, health of mind and body, that loving thee with all his strength, he may accomplish those things which are pleasing to thee. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### PRAYER TO BE SAID BY THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND THE DESOLATE

**O** HOLY Ghost, my helper and my comforter, thou knowest

the chains by which I am bound. Thou knowest, giver of holiness, how my soul cleaves to the dust. Thou knowest my need of grace, and how little I seek it, and how I waste the graces which thou, in thy goodness, givest me. Thou knowest how I am stricken with the wounds of death in pain and sorrow and wasting of life. These things lead me onward to my grave. Help me, Spirit of life and comfort me, and hold me up with thy almighty hand. In all temptations of the devil I come to thee. In all temptations of my own heart I come to thee. If I live according to the flesh, I die. If by thee I mortify the flesh, I live. If I am led by thee, as thou longest to lead me, I am a child of God. O Spirit of Light and Love, teach me to recognize a token of God's love for me in every cross he sends me; help me to embrace every cross out of Love for my Jesus, who loved me even unto the death on the cross. Amen.

## Holy Orders

EVERY priest can apply to himself the words written by the prophet concerning our great high Priest, Jesus Christ: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, wherefore he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the contrite of heart: to preach deliverance to the captives, and sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of reward." (Luke IV. 18, 19). The faithful look upon their priests as men of exalted dignity. All that the priest is, he is through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ gave to his priests the power to forgive sins when he said to them: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you shall retain, they

are retained." That Saviour whom the priest offers up at holy Mass was conceived by the Holy Ghost. The full knowledge of the truth which the priest preaches, was communicated to the Apostles and their successors only through the descent of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost. "When he, the Spirit of truth is come," said Jesus, "he will teach you all truth." (John XVI. 13). What would our priests be, were it not for the Holy Ghost? Mindful of all the priest owes to the Holy Ghost, the Church frequently invokes him at the most solemn moments in the ordination of her priests that he might fill them with apostolic zeal and sanctity. We also should pray frequently to the Holy Ghost to inspire many generous young men with the desire of giving themselves to the service of God and souls. We ought to pray frequently for our priests that they may have God's blessing on their noble work.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO  
THE PRIESTHOOD

**O** MOST merciful Jesus, who didst bid us pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest, on bended knees, we beseech thee to send down the Holy Ghost on the Christian youth of our land, to inspire them with the spirit of sacrifice, to give them courage to leave all to follow thee.

**O** SPIRIT of piety, arouse in them zeal for souls; O Spirit of fortitude, give them strength to break all earthly bonds; O Spirit of counsel, guide them into the priesthood; O Spirit of knowledge, make them realize the truth of the words of Holy Writ: "He who causeth a sinner to be converted from the error of his way, shall save his soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins;" O Spirit of wisdom, point out to them the vanity of the world and the nobility of thy service.



## PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

**O** LORD, who hast ordained that thy word should be preached and sacraments administered by the ministry of thy priests, grant them, we beseech thee, the continual assistance of thy Holy Spirit. When duty calls them to the exercise of sublime offices, give them grace to live in the midst of the world without being of the world; to have hearts of fire for charity and hearts of bronze for chastity. Give them strength and courage to lead vast armies of Christians through the din of the battle of life to the everlasting peace and happiness of heaven. Amen.

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S  
VOCATION

**O** LORD, I beseech thee to send down the Holy Ghost upon me to enlighten me that I may know the designs of thy Providence concerning me, and that filled with a sincere desire for my soul's salvation, I may say with the young man

in the gospel: "What must I do to be saved?" All states of life are before me; but still undecided what to do, I await thy commands. I offer myself to thee without restriction, without reserve, with a most perfect submission.

Far be it from me, O Lord, to oppose thy wisdom, and, unfaithful to the inspiration of thy grace, to strive to subject the will of the Creator to the caprice of the creature. It is not for the servant to choose the way in which he will serve his master; do thou lay upon me what commands thou pleasest. My lot is in thy hands. "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." I cast myself at thy feet and I am ready, if it be thy will, to sacrifice myself as a victim to thee for the remainder of my days, in such wise as thou shalt deem most worthy of thy greatness.

O Spirit of Piety, inspire the affections of my parents and guide their projects according to the counsels of thy wisdom. O Holy

Spirit, I sincerely desire to consult thee who art all wise; grant that my parents also may submit themselves to thy decrees, faithfully and without reserve.



## Matrimony

**M**ATRIMONY was raised to the sublime rank of a sacrament by Jesus Christ, to bestow upon those who enter into the married state, the grace to enable them to discharge properly the duties of their calling. It strengthens, purifies and elevates natural affection. It makes of the Christian home a haven of unity, peace and love. Since the Holy Ghost is the bond of unity in the Holy Trinity, the Dove of Peace, the Spirit of Love, he should be invoked to bring down heaven's blessing upon our homes. The following is an appropriate prayer for every devoted father and mother, for every loving son and daughter to recite frequently.

### PRAYER FOR OUR HOME

**O** ETERNAL Spirit of Love, Dove of Peace, and Bond of Unity in the Holy Trinity, preserve love, unity and peace in our home.

Make of it a faithful reproduction of the holy house of Nazareth upon which thou didst look with such complacency. Bind us all together, not merely by carnal ties, but by the golden bonds of charity, prayer and mutual service. Make us one heart and one soul. By the gift of piety help us to forgive and forget the little grievances that the vicissitudes of life and diversity of character may foster among us. Wheresoever duty may call us, let us never bring dishonor upon our home and our family. Ward off from our home the spirit of pride, irreligion and worldliness. Allow not the lax principles and perverse maxims of the world to take root among us. Teach us to love and respect that Christian modesty which reigned supreme in the holy house of Nazareth. As by thy help we live in unity here below, give us, we beseech thee, the grace of final perseverance, that together we may praise thee and love thee through a happy eternity. Amen.

## **Novena to the Holy Ghost**

**T**HE novena in honor of the Holy Ghost is the original novena, of which all other novenas are only imitations. Our Lord himself instituted this novena when, on the day of his ascension, he sent his Apostles back to Jerusalem to pray for nine days that they might be ready on the tenth day, which was Pentecost, to receive the Holy Ghost. Therefore, the Church has richly indulgenced novenas in honor of the Holy Ghost, and they may be made, not only at Pentecost, but at any time of the year.

**INDULGENCES**—(1) 300 days, each day. (2) Plenary, once during the novena, or octave on the usual conditions, i.e., confession—communion—prayer for intentions of the Pope. This novena may be made at any time, with any form of prayers approved by competent ecclesiastical authority. (Nov. 26, 1876.)

## BEFORE PENTECOST

INDULGENCES—(1) 7 years and 7 quarantines, each day. (2) Plenary, once during the novena or on the feast or on any other day during the octave on the usual conditions, i. e., confession—communion—prayer for the intentions of the Pope. This novena may be made publicly or privately. Any prayers to the Holy Ghost may be used. (Leo XIII, May 9, 1897.) Another plenary indulgence can be gained by those who say some prayers in honor of the Holy Ghost each day of the octave and go to the sacraments any day of the octave and pray for the intentions of the Pope.

Since no particular prayers are prescribed, the following devotions are suggested as appropriate for the novena.

**First Day**

CONSIDERATION — We shall strive during this novena to obtain an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, over and above the special favors we shall ask from the Divine Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Ghost are permanent supernatural dispositions given to us with grace, to make the

soul attentive and responsive to the movements of the Third Person of the Adorable Trinity. Very appropriately have they been compared to the sails of a ship which, when spread, carry the craft swiftly and smoothly over its course. When the inspirations of the Holy Ghost find the gifts spread like sails in the soul, they waft it safely over the sea of life to the haven of eternal happiness. Those Christians who through indolence allow the gifts to lie dormant, are like ships dismantled, whose sails lie in the bottom of the boat, useless. Who has not felt many a time, even immediately after coming from the sacred tribunal of Penance, the necessity of some such impelling power? Therefore, let us beseech the Holy Ghost for an increase of these necessary gifts.

#### PRAYER

**A**LMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy



Ghost, and hast given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us thy sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and of Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost recite 7 times the "*Glory be to the Father.*"

## Second Day

### *The Gift of Holy Fear.*

CONSIDERATION — The irreligious man often fears that there may possibly be a God and a time of retribution. O what a base fear; a fear which he tries to bury in oblivion by leading a riotous, sinful life. With such fear we are not concerned. The gift of holy Fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread

above all things to offend Him. It is fear like that of a dutiful son, who will shun certain company of whom he knows no evil, but with whom his parents do not wish him to associate. He simply respects his parents' wishes. It is a fear, which arises from reverence and submission towards those we love and esteem. It measures the malice of sin, not by the world's standards, but by those of heaven. If it does not suggest very noble deeds in God's service, at least it keeps us from going over to the enemy's camp. For this reason we, poor sinners, need the gift of Holy Fear. Let us therefore pray fervently for it.

#### PRAYER

COME, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set thee, my Lord and God, before my face forever; and shun all things that can offend thee, so that I may be made worthy to appear before the pure eyes

of thy Divine Majesty in the heaven of heavens, where thou livest and reignest in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, recite 7 times the "*Glory be to the Father.*"

### Third Day

#### *The Gift of Piety.*

CONSIDERATION—The gift of Piety is the gift through which the Holy Ghost calls to the service of God and man, the mistress of virtues, charity. It prompts us to love God not because of his majesty but because he is our Father. It makes us love whatever is near and dear to our Divine Saviour, beginning with his Immaculate Mother and going down the scale to the most abandoned soul on earth and in purgatory. The gift

of Piety which bids us love our Father in heaven, stirs up our affections for our father and mother in the flesh, our own dear parents, for our fathers in God, the Pope, Bishops and Priests, for our home, our church and our country. Pride and envy beget chauvinism, which is false patriotism and narrow-mindedness; the gift of Piety begets real patriotism. Let us therefore, pray fervently for this beautiful gift.

### PRAYER

COME, O blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart, incline it to a true faith in thee, to a holy love of Thee, my God, and of all my fellow creatures for thy sake. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, recite 7 times the "*Glory be to the Father.*"

## Fourth Day

### *The Gift of Knowledge.*

CONSIDERATION — Knowledge, as a gift of the Holy Ghost, directs the soul to judge of things, both human and divine, according to supernatural common sense and not according to the standards of the worldly-wise. Even with supernatural faith in our soul to elevate our reason, how often we detect ourselves talking of temporal gain and loss, success and failure, suffering and pleasure, purely and simply according to the principles of the worldly-minded! We fail to pierce the veil of the natural and see in suffering a blessing from God. We have come to think it folly to season our pleasures with a pinch of the pepper and salt of mortification; for example: to determine that we will not remain out later than a certain reasonable hour, when we go out for an evening of innocent pleasure. In this age of doubt, materialism,

pleasure-seeking, what shall we say of the necessity of this gift to enable us to distinguish good from evil, innocent pleasure from tainted joy, truth from falsehood, the real good from the apparent good among all the things around us? Let us therefore, pray earnestly for this gift.

#### PRAYER

COME, O blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to thee and thy eternal rewards. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, recite 7 times the *"Glory be to the Father."*

#### Fifth Day

*The Gift of Fortitude.*

CONSIDERATION — Fortitude is a gift of the Holy Ghost

strengthening the soul against all natural fear and supporting it to the end in the performance of duty. Daily the soul, in the state of grace, must go forth to fight the good fight of Christ; to do its duty, which, because it is duty, will always be difficult. The virtue of fortitude leads us into the battle, but we need special encouragement from the Spirit of God, to enable us to persevere in good, in spite of unforeseen difficulties, hardships, and the grind of routine. That encouragement the Holy Ghost imparts to us through the gift of Fortitude. Moreover, whilst we are not called upon to face the roaring lion in the Roman arena like the first Christians, we are bound every day of our lives to fight the roaring lion within us, to struggle against our besetting temptation. God has armed us with the gift of Fortitude for that purpose. Let us therefore pray for that gift to enable us to fight perseveringly the good fight of Jesus Christ until it please our

divine Leader to call us from the battlefield of life to enjoy the eternal reward of heaven.

### PRAYER

COME, O blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, recite 7 times the "*Glory be to the Father.*"

### Sixth Day

#### *The Gift of Counsel.*

CONSIDERATION—The gift of Counsel is a disposition in the soul through which the Holy Ghost prompts us to choose to do the better of two good actions. It is the elder sister of supernatural pru-



dence. Prudence teaches us the A, B, C, of Christian life; the gift of Counsel trains us in the fine arts of Christian perfection. As this gift gains greater influence over our actions, the soul begins to realize more and more the full meaning of the words of St. Paul: "All things are lawful to me, but all things are not expedient." (I Cor. VI. 12). This gift can never be developed in the Christian soul which stops short only of mortal sin in its use and abuse of liberty. Such a rule of conduct will not keep us long from mortal sin, and when mortal sin enters the soul, grace and all the supernatural gifts depart. Because my use of the things of this world may give my neighbor a pretext for abusing them, it is often expedient for me to hearken to the counsel of my divine Guide and refrain from licit pleasures and actions. Above all, as Catholics, we should be as shining lights to our neighbors, going before them in the path of virtue. To do so, we need the gift of

Counsel, and therefore, let us pray for it.

### PRAYER

COME, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, recite 7 times the "*Glory be to the Father.*"

### Seventh Day

*The Gift of Understanding.*

CONSIDERATION — Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Ghost, helps the Christian, in the state of grace, to grasp according to his mental capacity, the mean-

ing of the truths of our holy religion. Perhaps, to many of us, the articles of the creed are but dry disconnected truths. God gives us the gift of Understanding to enable us to penetrate the truths of our holy religion in a manner that will enable us to live them. Many Catholics find the Catholic newspapers flat and unsavory. On Sundays they would like to hear the Priest speak of the topics of the times rather than give catechetical instructions. That is because they are imbued with the spirit of the age. They have never become accustomed to thinking seriously of religious subjects. They have no religious, no Catholic, no supernatural ideals. Perhaps one of the reasons why we do not duplicate the majestic cathedrals of Europe is, because we do not live the religious mysteries and ideals which inspired those monuments of faith. We need an increase of the gift of understanding to make our religion something real and living. There-

fore let us pray fervently for that intention.

### PRAYER

COME, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, recite 7 times the "*Glory be to the Father.*"

### Eighth Day

*The Gift of Wisdom.*

CONSIDERATION—Wisdom is that gift of the Holy Ghost whereby the Divine Spirit raises up our intellect and our heart to rest in God alone. Knowledge tells us the value of earthly things, and

how we can enjoy them licitly without offending God; but Wisdom mounts high above them. Wisdom is the blossom of all the other gifts. The latter lead us up, step by step, to the throne of God; Wisdom bids us sit down on his footstool and judge all earthly things from that sublime height. Wisdom gives us courage to trample under foot wealth, honor and pleasure, if these things,—I will not say, impede our salvation,—but even cast so much as a shadow between us and our God. You may be inclined to think that the gift of Wisdom is only for Saints. You are right when you say this gift is only for the Saints, but you are wrong if you think that you are not destined to be a Saint. We must all aspire to sanctity. Why not aim high? God will reward the effort. Let us begin today by trying to make an act of thanksgiving for every little cross that falls on us.

## PRAYER

COME, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Show me the way by which I may be able to attain them and possess them for ever. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, recite 7 times the "*Glory be to the Father.*"

**Ninth Day**

*Zeal for the Glory of God and the  
Propagation of the Faith.*

CONSIDERATION — The first great novena in honor of the Holy Ghost was crowned with an abundant outpouring of the Divine Spirit upon the Apostles. It enkindled within their bosom a zeal that knew not fear of starvation

or death, that defied the sword and the cross, that braved storms at sea and bloody persecutions on land, for the propagation of the faith of Jesus Christ. Before we close the novena, let us beg the Holy Spirit to fill the world with zeal for the triumph of right over might, for the triumph of truth over error, for the triumph of honesty and purity over deceit and sensuality. Let us pray that the Divine Spirit may fill many of our young men and young women with zeal for the propagation of the faith, with courage to sacrifice the comforts of home and the company of parents, to labor in the service of Christ and the Church. Let us pray that he may pour out an abundance of the apostolic spirit upon our priests, missionaries and nuns. Let us pray that he may draw the hearts of heretics and pagans to the one true fold of Jesus Christ, so that from every quarter of the earth the cry will ascend heavenward: Praised be the holy and adorable Trinity;

to it be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER

**H**OLY, Divine Spirit, by the infinite merits of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, deign to pour abroad thy most ardent and omnipotent charity into all hearts, so that there may be one fold and one shepherd in the whole world; and that we may all come to sing thy divine praises in heaven forever. Amen.

To obtain the special favors and blessings for which you are making this novena and also an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, recite 7 times the "*Glory be to the Father.*"





## Short Novena Devotions

### First Day

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From thy clear celestial height,  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

LET US PRAY

**O** GOD who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Second Day

Come thou father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure,  
Come thou light of all that live.

LET US PRAY

**O** HOLY Spirit, thou father of the poor, come fill my poverty-stricken soul out of the plenty of thy eternal riches. Warn me, I beg thee, of every opportunity in my daily round of duty, to lay up treasures where no thief approacheth

nor moth corrupteth, that I may enjoy them together with thee forever. Amen.

### Third Day

Thou of all consolers best,  
Visiting the troubled breast,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

LET US PRAY

**O** DIVINE Consoler, and of all Comforters the best, to thee do we come in trouble and distress. Do thou, in the all-powerful name of Jesus, our Redeemer, and out of love for Mary, our sorrowful Mother and thy chaste Spouse, come to our assistance and comfort us in all our trials and tribulations. Amen.

### Fourth Day

Thou in toil art comfort sweet,  
Pleasant coolness in the heat,  
Solace in the midst of woe.

LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, who didst give the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, grant to

thy people the effect of their pious prayers, that on those to whom thou hast given grace, thou mayest also bestow peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Fifth Day

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine  
And our inmost being fill.

#### LET US PRAY

**M**AY the Paraclete, who proceedeth from thee, enlighten our minds, we beseech thee, O Lord; and even as thy Son hath promised, may he lead us into all truth. Amen.

### Sixth Day

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

#### LET US PRAY

**S**END down, we beseech thee, O Lord, the Holy Ghost in his might, to the merciful purifying of our hearts and to our sure deliverance from all danger. Who livest

and reignest world without end.  
Amen.

### Seventh Day

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away.

#### LET US PRAY

**B**URN up, O Lord, our reins and  
our hearts in the fire of the  
Holy Ghost; that chaste of body  
and clean of heart, our service may  
be well pleasing to thee. Who livest  
and reignest world without end.  
Amen.

### Eighth Day

Bend the stubborn heart and will,  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,  
Guide the steps that go astray.

#### LET US PRAY

**H**OLY Spirit, Spirit of Truth,  
come into our hearts; give to  
all peoples the brightness of thy  
light, that they may be well pleas-  
ing to thee in unity of faith. Amen.

## Ninth Day

Thou on those who evermore,  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
In thy sevenfold gift descend.

Give them comfort when they die  
Give them life with thee on high,  
Give them joys which never end.

### LET US PRAY

**G**END down upon us, we beseech thee, O Lord, the Holy Ghost, that, inspired and encouraged by him, we may comply with the duties of our state, carry our daily crosses patiently, and grow daily in Christian perfection. Grant us, we beseech thee through the same Divine Spirit, the intentions of this novena or what is most conducive to our eternal salvation and thy glory. Amen.



## Little Office of the Holy Ghost

### Matins

May the grace of the Holy Ghost  
enlighten our minds and our hearts.  
Amen.

℣ O Lord, open thou our lips  
℞ And our mouth shall show  
forth thy praise.

℣ O God, make speed to save us.  
℞ O Lord, make haste to help us.  
*Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.*

### HYMN

From the rippling of the river,  
From the waving tree of life,  
Gabriel came, in fiery splendor,  
Came from God to Mary's home.

When with spirit strong and tender,  
Low he knelt in Mary's cell,  
In the wondrous work of ages  
Jesus came with us to dwell.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the  
hearts of thy faithful and kindle in  
them the fire of thy love.

℣ Send forth thy Spirit and  
they shall be created.

R̃ And thou shalt renew the face  
of the earth.

LET US PRAY

**M**AY the power of the Holy  
Ghost be ever with us, we be-  
seech thee, O God, and may he, in  
his mercy, cleanse our hearts and  
save us from all dangers; through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who with  
thee and the same Holy Ghost, liv-  
eth and reigneth, one God, world  
without end. Amen.

**Lauds**

May the grace of the Holy Ghost  
enlighten our minds and our hearts,  
Amen.

Ỹ O God, make speed to save us.

R̃ O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.*

HYMN

Angels kneeling by the manger,  
Gazed upon the kingly Child;  
Jesus born of Virgin Mother,  
Looked up in her face and smiled.

Through long years he dwelt with Mary  
In the holy home unseen  
Waiting for the time appointed  
Lived the lowly Nazarene.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the  
hearts of thy faithful and kindle in  
them the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and  
they shall be created.

✠ And thou shalt renew the  
face of the earth.

#### LET US PRAY

**M**AY the power of the Holy  
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his mercy, cleanse our hearts and  
save us from all dangers; through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who with  
thee and the same Holy Ghost, liv-  
eth and reigneth, one God, world  
without end. Amen.

#### Prime

May the grace of the Holy Ghost  
enlighten our minds and our hearts.  
Amen.



✠ O God, make speed to save us.

✠ O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.*

### HYMN

On he went with blessings laden  
In his sweetness and his might;  
And the souls that lay in darkness  
Saw the shining of his light.

Crucified and dead, he slumbered  
Sweetly in his garden grave;  
In his risen light ascending  
Blessings to his own he gave.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the  
hearts of thy faithful and kindle in  
them the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and  
they shall be created.

✠ And thou shalt renew the  
face of the earth.

### LET US PRAY

**M**AY the power of the Holy  
Ghost be ever with us, we be-  
seech thee, O God, and may he, in  
his mercy, cleanse our hearts and  
save us from all dangers; through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who with

thee and the same Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

### Tierce

May the grace of the Holy Ghost enlighten our minds and our hearts. Amen.

✠ O God, make speed to save us.

✠ O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.*

### HYMN

After ten long days of waiting  
Came the Spirit from above;  
For he would not leave them orphans,  
And he brought them gifts of love.

Fount of truth and light and healing,  
With his gifts that Spirit came.  
Then the tongues of cloven brightness  
Swiftly set their hearts on flame.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created.

✠ And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY

**M**AY the power of the Holy Ghost be ever with us, we beseech thee, O God, and may he, in his mercy, cleanse our hearts and save us from all dangers; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the same Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Sext**

May the grace of the Holy Ghost enlighten our minds and our hearts. Amen.

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.*

HYMN

Then the sevenfold grace descended;  
With it all their souls were filled  
And they gave their Master's message,  
Speaking as the Spirit willed.

Forth they went in light and gladness  
Never ceasing, never dim;  
Leaving every love for Jesus,  
Giving every love to him.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created.

℟ And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

#### LET US PRAY

**M**AY the power of the Holy Ghost be ever with us, we beseech thee, O God, and may he, in his mercy, cleanse our hearts and save us from all dangers; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the same Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

#### None

May the grace of the Holy Ghost enlighten our minds and our hearts. Amen.

✠ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.*

## HYMN

Reigneth over all, the Spirit  
Of the Father and the Son;  
Yet in lowly hearts he dwelleth  
Till the work of God be done.

Balsam of the true Physician,  
Always, Holy Ghost, thou art;  
Healing every pain and sorrow,  
Giving joy to every heart.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the  
hearts of thy faithful and kindle in  
them the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and  
they shall be created.

℟ And thou shalt renew the  
face of the earth.

## LET US PRAY

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Ghost be ever with us, we be-  
seech thee, O God, and may he, in  
his mercy, cleanse our hearts and  
save us from all dangers; through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who with  
thee and the same Holy Ghost, liv-  
eth and reigneth, one God, world  
without end. Amen.

## Vespers

May the grace of the Holy Ghost enlighten our minds and our hearts.  
Amen.

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℞ O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.*

### HYMN

Now the shades of evening deepen,  
Now the night comes on apace;  
Holy Spirit, give thy servants  
Thoughts of fire and gifts of grace.

Thou dost shine on those who love thee  
Through the darkness of the night;  
Holy Spirit, be our helper,  
Be our everlasting light.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the  
hearts of thy faithful and kindle  
in them the fire of thy love.

℣ Send forth thy Spirit and  
they shall be created.

℞ And thou shalt renew the  
face of the earth.

### LET US PRAY

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Ghost be ever with us, we be-  
seech thee, O God. and may he, in

his mercy, cleanse our hearts and save us from all dangers; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the same Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

### Compline

May the grace of the Holy Ghost enlighten our minds and our hearts. Amen.

Y Convert us, O God, our salvation.

R And turn away thy anger from us.

Y O God, make speed to save us.

R O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.*

### HYMN

May the Spirit, dwelling in us,  
As the noonday, bright and clear,  
Fill the souls of all his servants  
Full of love and holy fear.

So when Jesus comes to judgment,  
And before his throne we stand,  
Words of gracious love will bring us  
Safely to the promised land.

Ant. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in

them the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created.

✠ And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

#### LET US PRAY

**M**AY the power of the Holy Ghost be ever with us, we beseech thee, O God, and may he, in his mercy, cleanse our hearts and save us from all dangers; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the same Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

#### COMMENDATION

These prayers, Eternal Spirit, I have offered to thee, loving thee and praising thee and adoring thee, in thy beauty and thy majesty, in thy light and thy strength. I pray, Divine Spirit, that thou wilt always visit us with thy inspirations, and guide us by thy counsel, that one day we may dwell with thee forever in the heavenly kingdom. Amen.



## Rosary of the Holy Ghost

(*Indulgences*—7 years and 7 quarantines for reciting the rosary. A Plenary Indulgence on Pentecost or any day within the octave can be gained by those who habitually recite this rosary on ordinary conditions, i.e., confession—communion—prayers for intentions of the Pope. (Leo XIII, April 8, 1902.)

### METHOD OF RECITING THE ROSARY OF THE HOLY GHOST

✠ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

### ACT OF CONTRITION

**O** MY God, I am very sorry I have sinned against thee, because thou art so good; by the help of thy grace I will not sin again.

### HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator come,  
From thy bright heavenly throne;  
Come take possession of our souls  
And make them all thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above;  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand;  
His promise, teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with thy strength which ne'er decays  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe,  
True peace unto us bring;  
And through all perils lead us safe,  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know;  
Through thee th' eternal Son,  
And thee the Spirit of them both;  
Thrice blessed three in one.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
With thee O holy Comforter,  
Henceforth by all in earth and heaven.  
Amen.

¶ Send forth thy Spirit and they shall  
be created.

¶ And thou shalt renew the face of  
the earth.

#### LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, who didst teach the  
hearts of thy faithful by the  
light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us  
by the same Spirit, to have a right

judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE FIRST MYSTERY

*By the Holy Ghost is Jesus conceived of the Virgin Mary.*

**M**EDITATION—"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke I. 35).

Practice—Diligently implore the aid of the Divine Spirit and Mary's intercession to enable you to imitate the virtues of Jesus Christ, the Model of the elect, so that you may be made conformable to the Image of the Son of God.

*Our Father (once). Hail Mary (once). Glory be to the Father (7 times).*

### THE SECOND MYSTERY

*The Spirit of the Lord rested upon Jesus.*

**M**EDITATION—"And Jesus being baptized forthwith came

out of the water: and lo, the heavens were open to him: and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him." (Matt. III. 16).

Practice—Hold in the highest esteem the priceless gift of sanctifying grace infused into your soul by the Holy Ghost in Baptism. Remember to keep the promises to which you then pledged yourself. Preserve and increase by constant practice, the virtues of faith, hope and charity. Ever live as becometh a child of God and a member of God's true Church, so as to obtain hereafter your heavenly inheritance.

*Our Father (once). Hail Mary (once).  
Glory be to the Father (7 times).*

### THE THIRD MYSTERY

*By the Spirit is Jesus led into the Desert  
to be tempted.*

**M**EDITATION—"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert, for

the space of forty days; and was tempted by the devil." (Luke IV. 1-2).

Practice—Be ever grateful for the sevenfold gift bestowed upon you in Confirmation—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Faithfully yield yourself to his divine guidance so that, in all the trials and temptations to which you are exposed, in passing through the desert of this world, you may act manfully, as becometh a perfect Christian and a true soldier of Jesus Christ.

*Our Father (once). Hail Mary (once).  
Glory be to the Father (7 times).*

#### THE FOURTH MYSTERY

*The Abiding Presence of the Holy Ghost  
in the Church.*

**M**EDITATION — "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,

and began to speak the wonderful works of God." (Acts II. 2, 4, 11).

Practice—Thank God for belonging to his true Church which is ever animated and directed by his Divine Spirit, sent into the world for that purpose on the day of Pentecost. Be devoted to the Holy See, the infallible mouthpiece of the Holy Ghost. Hear and obey the Church, the pillar and ground of truth. Uphold her doctrines, seek her interests, defend her rights.

*Our Father (once). Hail Mary (once).  
Glory be to the Father (7 times).*

### THE FIFTH MYSTERY

*The Abiding Presence of the Holy Ghost  
Within the Soul of the Just Man.*

**M**EDITATION—"Know you not, that your members are the temple of the Holy Ghost, who is in you?" (I Cor. VI. 19). "Extinguish not the Spirit." (I Thess. V. 19). "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God: whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Eph. IV. 30).

Practice—Be ever mindful of the presence of the Holy Ghost within you and carefully cultivate purity of soul and body. Strive also to correspond faithfully with his Divine inspirations, that, by so doing, you may bring forth in your soul the most holy fruit of the Spirit which is: charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity.

*Our Father (once). Hail Mary (once). Glory be to the Father (7 times).*

Conclude with the *Apostles Creed*, i.e., I believe in God, etc., as a profession of faith.

Then say the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* once for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff.



## Indulgenced Prayers to the Holy Ghost

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

(Repeat the above 7 times to obtain the 7 gifts of the Holy Ghost; to this practice is attached an indulgence of 7 days.)

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth, come into our hearts; give to all peoples the brightness of thy light, that they may be well pleasing to thee in unity of faith.

(Indulgence of 100 days once a day. Leo XIII., July 31, 1897.)

### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

O Holy Spirit, Creator, propitiously help the Catholic Church, and by thy supernal power strengthen and confirm it against the assaults of the enemy; by thy charity and grace, renew the spirit of thy servants whom thou hast anointed, that in thee they may glorify the



Father and his only begotten Son,  
our Lord. Amen.

(Indulgence of 300 days once a day. Leo XIII.,  
Aug. 26, 1889.)

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts  
of thy faithful, and kindle in them  
the fire of thy love.

(Indulgence of 300 days each time. Pius X.,  
May 8, 1907.)

### ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY GHOST

**O** HOLY Ghost, Divine Spirit of  
light and love, I consecrate to  
thee my mind, heart, and will, for  
time and eternity. May my mind be  
ever docile to thy divine inspira-  
tions, and to the teachings of the  
holy Catholic Church, whose infal-  
lible guide thou art; my heart ever  
inflamed with the love of God and  
my neighbor; my will ever con-  
formable to the divine will; and my  
whole life a faithful imitation of  
the life and virtues of our Lord and  
Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom  
with the Father and thee be honor  
and glory forever. Amen.

(Indulgence of 300 days once a day. Pius X.,  
June 5, 1908.)

## HYMN

## VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,  
From thy bright heavenly throne;  
Come take possession of our souls,  
And make them all thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above;  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand;  
His promise, teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light,  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with thy strength which ne'er decays,  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe,  
True peace unto us bring;  
And through all perils lead us safe,  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know;  
Through thee th' eternal Son,  
And thee the Spirit of them both  
Thrice blessed three in one.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death be glory given,

With thee O holy Comforter,  
Henceforth by all in earth and heaven.

(For reciting or singing this hymn; *plenary indulgence* once a month, if said or sung every day: conditions are — confession — communion — prayers for the intentions of the Pope. Indulgence of 100 days if said or sung once a day.)

### SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From thy clear celestial height,  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou father of the poor,  
Come, with treasures which endure,  
Come, thou light of all that live.

Thou of all consolers best,  
Visiting the troubled breast,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine!  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill.

If thou take thy grace away  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turn'd to ill.

Heal our wounds—our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou on those who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
In thy sevenfold gifts descend.

Give them comfort when they die;  
Give them life with thee on high;  
Give them joys which never end. Amen.

(*Plenary indulgence* once a month, if said every day; conditions are — confession — communion — prayer for intentions of the Pope. Indulgence of 100 days if said once a day.)



## Archconfraternity of the Holy Ghost

THE Confraternity of the Holy Ghost was canonically established in the Chapel of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost at Holy Ghost Apostolic College, Cornwells Heights, Pa., on October eighth, 1912, and on June thirteenth, 1922, it was elevated to the rank of an Archconfraternity by Apostolic Letters of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. The students who are there preparing for the missionary and apostolic life say special prayers for the intentions of the members of the Archconfraternity.

### OBJECT OF THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY

The object of the Archconfraternity is:

1. To glorify God, the Holy Ghost, and draw down his gifts upon the Church, the Sovereign Pontiff, the Bishops and the Clergy;

2. To obtain an abundance of his gifts for all, especially for the members of the Archconfraternity;

3. To obtain the conversion of sinners, and the light of faith for infidels.

#### CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY

The only condition required for admission is enrollment on the register of the Archconfraternity. Those who wish to be enrolled need only send their names to the Director of the Archconfraternity, Holy Ghost Apostolic College, Cornwells Heights, Pa.

#### PRACTICES RECOMMENDED

The following practices are recommended:

1. To offer the first Sunday or Monday of the month to the Holy Ghost, by receiving communion and other pious practices. Those who go to confession and communion on the First Friday of the month in honor of the Sacred Heart, will find

it easy to go to communion again on the First Sunday in honor of the Holy Ghost;

2. To consecrate Monday to the Holy Ghost by some pious practices, especially by watching over ourselves that day to obey the voice of conscience through which the Holy Ghost speaks to us;

3. To say some prayer daily in honor of the Holy Ghost for the intentions of the Archconfraternity and its members;

4. To give alms to the works of the Archconfraternity, especially to help missionaries bring the light of the faith to infidels;

5. To make with fervor the novena in honor of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost and at any other time when we need light and guidance from above.

#### ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY

A few of the many advantages of membership in the Archconfraternity are:

1. The special protection and guidance of the Holy Ghost;

2. A share in the prayers and merits of the missionaries of the Holy Ghost Order;

3. A part in the prayers and works proper to the Archconfraternity:

(a) On the first Sunday of the month Holy Mass is offered for all the members;

(b) A Special Mass is said every Monday by the Director at the Center of the Archconfraternity;

(c) On every Monday, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is held in honor of the Holy Ghost at which time special prayers are said for all the intentions recommended by the members;

(d) Special prayers are said at the Mass in the college chapel every morning;

(e) The benefit of the united



prayers of the members of the Archconfraternity.

INDULGENCE WHICH MEMBERS  
MAY GAIN

The following indulgences may be gained by members of the Archconfraternity for themselves or for the poor souls in purgatory:

*Plenary Indulgences* — (a) The day of admission; (b) At the moment of death; (c) On the following Feasts:—Most Holy Trinity; Pentecost or one of the days of the Octave, Christmas, Epiphany, Octave day of the Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, Corpus Christi, Transfiguration, Immaculate Conception, Purification, Annunciation, Visitation, Assumption, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, Saints Peter and Paul, Conversion of St. Paul; (d) Once each month, on day chosen by each associate; (e) The first Monday of each month, for the associates who recite daily the prayer, *O Holy Ghost, I humbly implore Thee, be with me always,*

*in order that I may act in all things only by Thy holy inspiration.* (f) For each associate, on the anniversary days of his Baptism and Confirmation. These indulgences may be gained on the usual conditions—confession, communion, a visit to a church or chapel, and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff; at the hour of death, on the same conditions, or, if impossible, by invoking with the lips, or at least with the heart, the Holy Name of Jesus.

*Partial Indulgences*—(a) Three hundred days each time to the associates who recite the prayer mentioned above *O Holy Ghost, etc.*; (b) Sixty days, for every good work performed according to the spirit and practice of the Archconfraternity; (c) Seven years for those associates who, on the first Monday of each month, wherever they may be, assist at a Mass celebrated for the intentions of the Archconfraternity, in union with the Mass which is celebrated on the

same day at the seat of the Archconfraternity; (d) the indulgences attached for all the faithful, to the recitation of the *Veni Creator*, or of the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, that is, 100 days each time, and plenary indulgence once a month, can be gained by the associates who do not know these prayers, by reciting, in place of them, *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, *Glory Be to the Father*, etc., each three times.



## Archconfraternity Devotions

LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, who hast united the several nations of the Gentiles in the confession of thy name, give us both the will and the power to perform what thou commandest, that thy people called to eternal life may have the same faith in their minds, and the same godliness in their lives.

O God, who didst give the Holy Ghost to thy Apostles; hear the prayers of thy people that they may enjoy a happy peace, who, by thy grace received the gift of true faith.

Let thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, we beseech thee, kindle in our hearts that fire, which our Lord Jesus Christ brought on earth and earnestly desired that it should be enkindled.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and our hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may serve thee

with a chaste body and please thee with a clean heart.

Enrich, O Lord, our hearts by a plentiful pouring out of thy Holy Spirit, by whose wisdom we were created and by whose providence we are governed.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty and most merciful God, that thy Holy Spirit may defend and dwell in our souls and so thoroughly purify us that we may at length, become the temples of his glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### THE GIFT OF WISDOM

**I** ADORE thee, O Holy Ghost, eternal and true God, with the Father and the Son. I honor and praise thee in union with all the angels in heaven and with mankind upon earth. I offer thee everlasting gratitude for all the favors and blessings thou hast bestowed upon me.

O thou dispenser of every good gift and source of all light, replen-

ish my heart with thy grace, illumine my soul with the brightness of heavenly wisdom, so that I may recognize thee, O God, as my Supreme Good and thus love thee with my whole heart. Bestow upon me the guidance of thy Divine light in all my deliberations, judgments and undertakings, that beholding thee, my Supreme Good, I may fully realize the nothingness of the world.

Reveal to me the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach me to love them above all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Show me the way by which I may be able to attain them and possess them and hold them hereafter mine own forever. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

## THE GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING

I adore Thee, etc.

**O** THOU dispenser of every good gift and source of all light, re-

plenish my heart with thy grace, grant to me the gift of Understanding. Manifest to me daily, more clearly, the mysteries of our Holy Religion, so that I may eagerly embrace all the deep things of God and the revealed truths of faith, bravely defend them, and thus enjoy already here upon earth the foretaste of the bliss which the saints now possess in heaven.

Help me, above all, to appreciate my calling to the true Church, to understand rightly the duties of my state of life, and to fulfil them constantly for thy greater honor and for the salvation of my soul. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

### THE GIFT OF COUNSEL

I adore Thee, etc.

**O** THOU dispenser of every good gift and source of all light, replenish my heart with thy grace and bestow upon me the gift of Counsel. Enlighten my mind, help

and guide me in all my ways and all the circumstances of life, that I may ever do thy holy will, and thus acquire that holiness of life for which thou hast destined me from all eternity. Incline my heart to that which is good, turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me, by the straight path of thy commandments, to that goal of eternal life for which I long.

Bestow thy sacred gift of Counsel upon the Pope, all the Bishops and Priests of thy Holy Church, that they may wisely lead the souls entrusted to their care to the harbor of salvation. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

### THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

I adore Thee, etc.

**O** THOU dispenser of every good gift and source of all light, replenish my heart with thy grace, confer upon me the gift of Knowledge. Grant that I may perceive and know the will of the Father.



Show me the nothingness of earthly things that I may know their vanity and use them only for thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to thee and thy eternal great rewards.

Illumine my mind with thy Divine brilliancy and help me ever promptly to subject my wavering soul to the guidance of thy revealed truths. May these be always my rule of conduct. Inspire me to be constantly mindful of my noble destiny as a child of thy Church, and ever most faithful to my obligations. Guide me always that I may earnestly imitate Jesus Christ, my Divine model. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

## THE GIFT OF FORTITUDE

I adore Thee, etc.

**O** THOU dispenser of every good gift and source of all light, replenish my heart with thy grace and impart to me the gift of Forti-

tude. Enable me to possess within my soul undaunted courage in the warfare against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Arm me with thy strength to fight against the manifold attractions of the world, that I may never be hindered in the perfect discharge of my religious duties, and sustain all my efforts after holiness. Grant me every confidence in thy Divine assistance amidst the temptations which daily assail me and uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity.

Bestow upon me the grace to accept willingly every sacrifice thou wilt demand of me and, out of love for thee, to persevere to the end. Strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies that I may never be overcome and separated from thee, my God, my chiefest Good. Strengthen also thy missionaries in the difficult conquest of souls who are surrounded by numerous adversaries. Confirm especially those who are weak and wavering in

faith and rescue them from the snares of the spirit of evil. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

### THE GIFT OF PIETY

I adore Thee, etc.

**O** THOU dispenser of every good gift and source of all light, replenish my heart with thy grace, infuse into my soul the gift of Piety. Possess my heart, incline it to a true faith in thee, to a holy love of thee, my God, that with my whole soul I may seek Thee and find thee, my best, my truest joy.

May I acknowledge thee as my most lovable Father and remain attached to thee with childlike loyalty. Grant that I may please thee in all things, and that, through fervent prayers, I may enjoy the happiness of living in constant union with thee. Help me to honor and revere the Saints, above all the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, and to love and respect my neighbor and especially those who are thy rep-

representatives here upon earth.

Fill my heart with sympathy for the most abandoned souls and all poor sinners. Enable me to come to their assistance by prayer and self-sacrifice. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

### THE GIFT OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD

I adore Thee, etc.

**O** THOU dispenser of every good gift and source of all light, replenish my heart with thy grace and instill into my soul the gift of the Fear of the Lord. Penetrate my inmost soul, that I may set thee, my Lord and my God, before my face forever, and during my life be always conscious of thy divine presence. Help me to detest everything which would dishonor thy divine sanctity and eternal justice. May I shun all that may offend thee, so that I may be worthy to appear before the pure eyes of thy divine majesty in the heaven of

heavens, where thou livest and reignest in the unity of the ever-blessed Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*



ADDITIONAL  
ARCHCONFRATERNITY  
DEVOTIONS

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts  
of thy faithful and kindle in them  
the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and  
they shall be created.

✠ And thou shalt renew the  
face of the earth.

LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, who hast taught the  
hearts of thy faithful by the  
light of the Holy Ghost, grant that  
by the gift of the same Spirit, we  
may relish what is right and ever  
rejoice in his holy consolations,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Holy Ghost, come down upon thy children,  
Give us grace and make us thine;  
Thy tender fires within us kindle,  
Blessed Spirit, Dove Divine,

For all within us good and holy  
Is from thee, thy precious gift.  
In all our joys, in all our sorrows,  
Wistful hearts to thee we lift.

**O** GOD, who hast exalted thine only Son, Jesus Christ, above all the heavenly hosts, we beseech thee, to send to us the Holy Ghost whom he promised us as he ascended into his glory. By the aid of that Divine Spirit, lead us safely over the highways and byways of life to the place which Christ promised to prepare for those who serve him faithfully, to the everlasting joys of heaven.

Recite 7 times the *Glory be to the Father*, for the intentions of the members of the Archconfraternity.

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Holy Ghost, come down upon thy children,  
Give us grace and make us thine;  
Thy tender fires within us kindle,  
Blessed Spirit, Dove Divine.

For thou to us art more than father,  
More than brother, in thy love,  
So gentle, patient and forbearing,  
Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove.

**E**ND, we beseech thee, Almighty God, thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may rule and direct us according to thy will, comfort us in all our temptations

and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Recite 7 times the *Glory be to the Father*, for the intentions of the members of the Archconfraternity.

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Holy Ghost, come down upon thy children,  
Give us grace and make us thine;  
Thy tender fires within us kindle,  
Blessed Spirit, Dove Divine.

O, we have grieved thee, gracious Spirit!  
Wayward, wanton, cold are we;  
And still our sins, new every morning,  
Never yet have wearied thee.

**O** BLESSED Spirit, who guidest and governest the Church of Christ in all truth, illuminating its Doctors, strengthening its Martyrs, and perfecting its Saints; thou Bond of mystical union between Christ our head and us his members; between the Church above and the Church here below; have



mercy on us and keep us in the unity of the faith. Amen.

Recite 7 times the *Glory be to the Father*, for the intentions of the members of the Archconfraternity.

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Holy Ghost, come down upon thy children,  
Give us grace and make us thine;  
Thy tender fires within us kindle,  
Blessed Spirit, Dove Divine.

Dear Paraclete, how hast thou waited,  
While our hearts were slowly turned;  
How often hath thy love been slighted,  
While for us it grieved and burned!

**O** SPIRIT of Light, Love and Life, be with us every day and every hour of our life. Illumine, vitalize, enkindle us. Lift up our hearts; keep in strength and honor the body which thou hast chosen for thy temple; grant us integrity of purpose; cleanse us of inordinate self-love and of self-deceit. Reveal to us the beauty of holiness; speak to us above the voices of the world and give us grace to hear thee, who together with the Father

and the Son art one God, for all eternity. Amen.

Recite 7 times the *Glory be to the Father*, for the intentions of the members of the Archconfraternity.

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Holy Ghost, come down upon thy children,  
Give us grace and make us thine;  
Thy tender fires within us kindle,  
Blessed Spirit, Dove Divine.

Now, if our hearts do not deceive us,  
We would take thee for our Lord,  
O, dearest Spirit, make us faithful  
To thy least and lightest word.

COME, O Holy Spirit, thou blessed Paraclete, thou most merciful Comforter! Come, thou Purifier of sins, thou Upholder of the falling, thou Teacher of the deceived, thou Guide of the erring, thou Friend of the friendless, Hope of the despairing, Consoler of the sorrowful, Physician of the sick; come, thou Glory of the living and Salvation of the dying! Come, and have pity on us and on all who have recommended themselves to our prayers or stand in need of special aid from on high. Lead us all safely

through this valley of tears to the city of God, our heavenly home. Amen.

Recite 7 times the *Glory be to the Father*, for the intentions of the members of the Archconfraternity.

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Holy Ghost, come down upon thy children,  
Give us grace and make us thine;  
Thy tender fires within us kindle,  
Blessed Spirit, Dove Divine.

Ah! sweet consoler! though we cannot  
Love thee as thou lovest us,  
Yet, if thou deign'st our hearts to kindle,  
They will not be always thus.

**P**ARDON us, O Spirit of grace and mercy; pardon our continual unfaithfulness, and the wretched blindness with which we have so often repulsed the most powerful impulses of thy grace. Pour into our hearts the spirit of true compunction; soften the hearts of obstinate sinners; give spiritual strength to moral weaklings and all black sheep. By thy aid make us cease from being rebellious against the laws of grace and nature, the laws of Church and

State. Help us to follow henceforth the movements of thy grace with such docility that we may taste the fruits and enjoy the blessings which thy sacred gifts produce in the soul. Amen.

Recite 7 times the *Glory be to the Father*, for the intentions of the members of the Archconfraternity.

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Holy Ghost, come down upon thy children,  
Give us grace and make us thine;  
Thy tender fires within us kindle,  
Blessed Spirit, Dove Divine.

With hearts so vile how dare we venture,  
Holy Ghost! to love thee so?  
And how canst thou with such compassion  
Bear so long with things so low?

**O** HOLY Spirit, I adore thee and acknowledge here in thy divine presence that I can do no good without thee. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which thou didst communicate to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles. Take from my heart whatever is not pleasing to thee and make of it a worthy dwelling place for thyself. Illumine my mind that I may

see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. In flame my heart with pure love of thee, that it may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments. Strengthen my will that it may be made conformable to thy divine will, and be guided by thy divine inspiration. O thou Giver of all good gifts, hearken to the prayers of all thy devout clients, especially the members of thy archconfraternity. May thy will be done in us and through us. Mayest thou be praised and glorified forever more.

Recite 7 times the *Glory be to the Father*, for the intentions of the members of the Archconfraternity.



## SHORT ARCHCONFRATERNITY DEVOTIONS

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created.

✠ And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

### LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may relish what is right and rejoice in his holy consolations through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SEVEN INVOCATIONS TO THE HOLY GHOST

1. Sweet Spirit of the Father and the Son, be thou the life of my soul. May thy sanctifying grace ever abide in me, increase day by day, and give life and vigor to all my deeds. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Holy Mary, Chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost. R̃ Pray for us.

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2. Fount of infinite goodness! Do thou increase within me faith, hope and charity, so that I may believe in thy word more firmly, rely on thy bounty more confidently, and love thy goodness more ardently. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

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3. Lord of Infinite might and power, do thou fortify my weakness and replenish me with thy sevenfold Spirit, so that I may ever be victorious over all my spiritual enemies and obtain the crown of life. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Holy Mary, Chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost. R̃ Pray for us.

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4. Divine Spirit of truth, life and soul of holy Church, do thou

enable me to be always and everywhere a docile and obedient member of God's true Church, a devoted subject of the Sovereign Pontiff, thy infallible mouthpiece on earth, and a zealous advocate of God's interests by word and example. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Holy Mary, Chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost. 🙏 Pray for us.

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5. Divine Spirit of Sanctity, source of infinite holiness, do thou take full possession of my whole being and do thou sanctify me by enabling me to conform myself on all occasions and in all things to thy holy will. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Holy Mary, Chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost. 🙏 Pray for us.

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6. Divine Spirit of Infinite Purity, do thou govern and direct all the movements and inclinations of my soul and body, that I may de-



light thee by a pure, chaste and blameless life. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Holy Mary, Chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost. ♠ Pray for us.

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7. Divine Spirit of Love, uncreated, substantial Love of the Father and the Son, do thou who art a consuming fire, burn up within my sinful soul whatever is displeasing to thee, and do thou enkindle within my cold heart the fire of that burning love which Jesus my Saviour came to cast upon the earth. Amen.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Holy Mary, Chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost. ♠ Pray for us.

### HYMN

Come Holy Ghost, creator blest,  
And in our hearts take up thy rest;  
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid,  
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry,  
Thou heav'nly gift of God most High

Thou fount of life and fire of love  
And sweet anointing from above.

Drive far away our deadly foe,  
And peace for evermore bestow;  
If thou be our preventing guide,  
No evil can our steps betide.

Praise we the Father and the Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in one;  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.



## Prayers to the Holy Ghost

(For Special Occasions)

*Prayer Used at the Beginning of Meetings, Work, Study or any Important Undertaking.*

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

✠ Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created.

℣ And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY

**O** GOD, who hast taught the hearts of thy faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may relish what is right and ever rejoice in his holy consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST

(for use by religious)

**O** HOLY Ghost, Eternal Love of the Father and of the Son,

take me unto thyself as thy vessel of election and disciple. Direct me constantly, and uphold me in the path of my sacred vocation. Illuminate my mind, sanctify my soul and take possession of my entire being. Cover my eyes that I may not see evil; close my ears that I may not listen to idle words; bridle my tongue that I may never fail against thy holy precept of Charity; purify my heart that sin may not remain therein. Be thou my Supreme Peace and Joy, be thou my Guide: and abide within me always: wheresoever thou leadest me I will go; whatsoever thou forbiddest me, I will renounce; and whatsoever thou commandest, in thy strength and love I will do. Amen.

#### PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST

*(for use by the laity)*

**O** HOLY Ghost, Eternal Love of the Father and of the Son, take me unto thyself as thy child of predilection. Direct me constant-

ly and uphold me in the path of virtue. Illumine my mind, sanctify my soul and take possession of my entire being. Cover my eyes that I may not see evil; close my ears that I may not listen to idle words; bridle my tongue that I may never fail against thy holy precept of Charity; purify my heart that sin may not remain therein. Be thou my Supreme Peace and Joy, be thou my Guide: and abide within me always: wheresoever thou leadest me I will go; whatsoever thou forbiddest me, I will renounce; and whatsoever thou commandest, in thy strength and love I will do. Amen.

#### PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

**O** KING of glory, Lord of hosts, who didst triumphantly ascend the heavens, leave us not as orphans, but send us the Promised of the Father, the Spirit of Truth.

We implore thee, O Lord, that the Counsellor who proceedeth

from thee will enlighten our souls, and infuse into them all truth, as thy Son hath promised. O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, vouchsafe to grant us, according to the riches of thy glory, that Christ, by faith, may dwell in our hearts, which, rooted and grounded in charity, may acknowledge the love of Christ, surpassing all knowledge. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER INVOKING THE AID OF  
THE HOLY GHOST FOR RELIGIOUS  
AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES

**W**E pray thee, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ hast revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of thy mercy; that thy Church being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith, in the confession of thy name.

We pray thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanc-

tity of life our chief Bishop, N., the vicar of our Lord Jesus Christ in the government of his Church; our own Bishop, (Archbishop) N., all other Bishops, Prelates and Pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgments decreed, assist with thy *Holy Spirit* of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to thy people, over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceed-

ings and laws framed for our rule and government; so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for his Excellency, the Governor of this State, for the members of the Assembly, for all Judges, Magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare; that they may be enabled, by thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise to thy unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow-citizens, throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge, and sanctified in the observance of thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this



life be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally we pray thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relations and friends; of those who when living, were members of this congregation; and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who by their donations or legacies to this church witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship, and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR HOME  
AND FAMILY

**O** ETERNAL Spirit of Love,  
Bond of Unity in the Holy

Trinity, preserve love, unity and peace in our home. Make of it a faithful reproduction of the holy house of Nazareth upon which thou didst look with such complacency. Bind us all together, not merely by carnal ties, but by the golden bonds of charity, prayer and mutual service. By the gift of piety, help us to forgive and forget the little grievances which the vicissitudes of life and diversity of character may foster among us. Wheresoever duty may call us, let us never bring dishonor upon our home and our family. Ward off from that home the spirit of pride, irreligion and worldliness. Allow not the lax principles and perverse maxims of the world to take root among us. Teach us to love and respect that Christian modesty which reigned supreme in the holy house of Nazareth. As by thy help, we live in unity here below, give us, we beseech thee, the grace of final perseverance, that together we may praise thee and

love thee through a happy eternity.  
Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST  
TO BE SAID BY HUSBAND OR WIFE

**O** HOLY Ghost, eternal Bond of Unity in the Adorable Trinity, who hast made us one in the mystical grace of matrimony, grant that we may be also inwardly of one heart and of one mind; paying due honor to each other; living together in peace and holiness; being a mutual help, comfort and support to each other until it pleases thee to part us in death. Cast thy bright light across our path through life, that we may recognize the will of God and cheerfully regulate our lives by it. If such be thy holy will, give us health of body and sufficient of the things of this world to make life cheerful; yet not our will but thine be done. Enable us so to go through this life that we may enjoy a happy eternity together hereafter. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST  
FOR PARENTS

**P**OUR forth, I beseech thee, O Holy Spirit, the gift of piety into my soul, especially that it may assist me ever to be devoted to the good parents with which thou hast blessed me. Bless them here below and reward them bountifully hereafter for the loving service they have rendered to me. Help me to make their lives full of peace and happiness. Permit not that I should ever so far forget myself as to grieve those hearts that love me so tenderly. Help me to make every day bright and cheerful for them until it please thee to call them out of this world to the consolations of heaven. Amen.

PRAYER OF PARENTS FOR THEIR  
CHILDREN

**O** GOD, who hast deigned to bless our sacred union with children, give us grace and strength to teach them, by word and example, thy law. Give us the Spirit

of wisdom, that we may be able to teach them the vanity of earthly things; give us the Spirit of understanding, that we may be able to teach them their holy religion; give us the Spirit of piety, that we may love them, not with that inordinate love which spoils the child, but with the true love which knows how to be severe or indulgent, according to thy holy will. Thou hast destined them to be for us a title to special joy and happiness in heaven. By the guidance of thy Holy Spirit and the assistance of thy grace we hope to do our part to make them such. Keep them therefore, O God, in thy love. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**O** GOD, who hast poured the virtue of charity, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, into the hearts of the faithful, grant to thy servants (*names*) for whom we implore thy mercy, health of mind and body, that loving thee with all their

strength, they may accomplish those things which are pleasing to thee. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO BE SAID BY THE SICK,  
THE SUFFERING AND THE  
DESOLATE

**O** HOLY Ghost, my helper and my comforter, thou knowest all the suffering through which I may have to go, and thou knowest the chains by which I am bound. Thou knowest, giver of holiness, how my soul cleaves to the dust. Thou knowest my need of grace and how little I seek for it, and how I waste the graces which thou, in thy goodness, givest me. Thou knowest how I am stricken with the wounds of death in pain and sorrow and wasting of life. These things lead me onward to my grave. Help me, Spirit of life, and comfort me, and hold me up with thy almighty hand. In all temptations of the devil, I come to thee. In all temptations of my own heart,

I come to thee. If I live according to the flesh, I die; if by thee, I mortify the flesh, I live. If I am led by thee as thou longest to lead me, I am a child of God. O Spirit of Light and Love, teach me to recognize a token of God's love for me in every cross he sends me; help me to embrace every cross out of love for my Jesus, who loved me even unto the death on the cross. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF UNBELIEVERS

**O** HOLY Spirit of Truth, we beseech thee to enlighten the minds of unbelievers in the midst of us, to incline their hearts to receive thy word, and to believe the teachings of thy Church; give them courage to accept the faith and to profess it openly; that they may come into union with thee and the Father, through Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE PROPAGATION  
OF THE FAITH

**O** HOLY Spirit, Spirit of Truth, come into our hearts; give to all people the brightness of thy light, that they may be well pleasing to thee in the unity of faith. Amen.

*(100 days indulgence.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR  
THE GIFT OF FAITH

**O** GOD, the Holy Ghost, in whom I have been baptized in the unity of that body of which Christ is the head, make me, I beseech thee, a partaker of all those graces which flow from the Divine Head upon all the members of his mystical body. Preserve me in the unity of faith and the bond of peace. I thank thee, O Adorable Spirit, for the signal grace of having been born in the pale of the true Church. I beg of thee to make this, my union with holy Church, ever more close, more intimate, more prolific in grace and sanctification. Make



me, not only one body, but also one mind with holy Church, the pillar and ground of truth. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR PURITY

**I**NFLAME, O Lord, our reins and our hearts with the fire of thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve thee with chaste bodies and please thee with clean hearts. Graciously hearken unto our prayers; and free our hearts from the temptations of evil thoughts and sinful desires that we may worthily become fit habitations for thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR FINAL PERSEVERANCE

**O** GOD, the Holy Ghost, who hast sanctified me, notwithstanding my repeated lapses into sin, finish thy work in me, for it is thine. Thou didst begin it and thou alone canst make it perfect. I desire to be meek and merciful, to be clean of heart, and patient under crosses. I thank thee for having

forewarned me of the terrible judgments that await the unfaithful Christian. Penetrate my soul with a filial fear and a tender love towards thee, that following thy salutary inspirations through life, I may obtain the grace of a happy death, and deserve to be united with thee through all eternity in heaven. Amen.

#### PRAYER AGAINST TEMPTATION

**W**ORD Jesus Christ, who wast conducted as a criminal to the house of Annas, grant that I may never suffer myself to be led into sin by the temptations of the evil spirit, or the evil suggestions of my fellow creatures, but that I may be securely guided by thy divine Spirit in the perfect accomplishment of thy holy ordinances. Amen.

Come, O Holy Spirit, and destroy in me, by thy sacred fire, every affection which cannot be referred to thee or please thee. Grant that I may be all thine, that I may live and die ever true to thee, my Love

and my All. O Mary, my advocate and Mother, help me by thy prayers. Amen.

PRAYER FOR JOY IN GOD'S  
SERVICE

**O** LIGHT perpetual, transcending all created light, send forth that light from above, which will penetrate all the secret recesses of my heart. Cleanse, cheer, enlighten and enliven my spirit with its power, that with joyful ecstasy I may cleave to thee. Enable me to render, at all times, a joyful service to the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR REVERENCE FOR  
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

**O** ADORABLE Spirit of Jesus, without whose help we cannot even pronounce the name of Jesus as we ought, inspire me with profound reverence and respect for the name of my Saviour. Keep me ever mindful of its sacredness, and suffer me not to profane it, even through thoughtlessness. May the

recollection of that holy name give me strength in temptation, and comfort in sorrow and affliction. From henceforth, may the name of Jesus be my defense, my refuge and my hope. Help me so to reverence it through life that it may come to my lips at the hour of death as a proof of my love for him who loved me even to the death of the cross.

PRAYER FOR CONFORMITY TO  
THE DIVINE WILL

**O** ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, most just and merciful, grant to us miserable creatures, thy grace, that we may always do what thou willest, that thus purified and enlightened interiorly, and so inflamed with the fire of thy Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and thus arrive at the possession of thee, who livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS  
OF THE HOLY GHOST

**O** LORD, Jesus Christ, who, before ascending into heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish thy work in the souls of thy Apostles and disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that he may perfect in my soul the work of thy grace and thy love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of divine truth; the Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest means of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with thee and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints; the Spirit of Piety, that I

may find the service of God sweet and amiable; the Spirit of Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence toward God and may dread in any way to displease him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of thy true disciples, and animate me in all things with thy Spirit. Grant that carrying thy cross in my heart, and confessing thy name before men, I may deserve to be one day numbered with thy elect. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY GHOST

**O** HOLY Spirit, Eternal Love of the Father and the Son, vouchsafe to grant unto me, I beseech thee, the fruit of Charity, that I may be united to thee by divine love; the fruit of Joy, that I may be filled with holy consolation; the fruit of Peace, that I may enjoy tranquillity of soul; the fruit of Patience, that I may endure humbly every thing that may be op-

posed to my own desires; the fruit of Benignity, that I may willingly relieve the necessities of my neighbor; the fruit of Goodness, that I may be benevolent towards all; the fruit of Longanimity, that I may not be discouraged by delay but may persevere in prayer; the fruit of Mildness, that I may subdue every rising of evil temper, stifle every murmur, and repress the susceptibilities of my nature in all my dealings with my neighbor; the fruit of Fidelity, that I may rely with assured confidence on the word of God; the fruit of Modesty, that I may order my exterior regularly; the fruit of Continency and Chastity, that I may keep my body in such holiness as becometh thy temple, so that having by thy assistance, preserved my heart pure on earth, I may merit in Jesus Christ, according to the words of the Gospel, to see God eternally in the glory of his kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER TO OVERCOME OUR  
SPIRITUAL ENEMIES

**E**TERNAL Wisdom, come down so powerfully into my soul, that all my enemies may be driven out; all my crimes melted away; all my sins forgiven. Enlighten my understanding with the light of true faith; inflame my will with thy sweet love; clear up my mind with thy glad presence; and give virtue and perfection to all my powers. Watch over me especially at my death, that I may come to enjoy thy beatific vision in eternal bliss. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE TEMPTED  
TO DESPAIR

**O** HOLY Ghost, who art God and our most gracious Consoler, deliver us, we beseech thee, from all sadness and discouragement; preserve all Christians from despair and its baneful consequences. Give to all, most mercifully, even to those who should attempt to take away their own lives, or whom



a sudden and violent death should carry off, the time and grace of salutary contrition before the soul leaves the body. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR ONESELF

**O** GOD the Holy Ghost, whom I have slighted, grieved and resisted from my childhood unto this day, reveal unto me thy personality, thy presence, thy power. Make me to know thy sevenfold gifts: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and fortitude, of knowledge and piety, and of the fear of the Lord; and make me to be of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord. O thou, who art the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, O thou who art the love of the Father and the Son, O thou who baptizest with fire and sheddest abroad the love of God in our hearts, shed abroad thy love in my heart. One thing have I desired of the Lord: that will I seek after: not wealth, rank, power, worldly home, worldly happiness, or any worldly

good, but one spark of that holy flame, one spark of that heavenly fire to kindle me and set me all on fire with the love of my God. Let that holy flame burn up and consume in me every spot and stain of the flesh and of the spirit. Purify me with the fire of thy love. Consume me as a holy sacrifice acceptable unto thee. Kindle me with zeal, melt me with sorrow, that I may live the life and die the death of a fervent penitent. Amen.

PRAYER FOR AN INCREASE OF  
FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

**C**OME, Holy Ghost, bounteous Bestower of great and noble gifts; shower down thy graces on my empty soul. Give me a steadfast and living faith, by which, as in a mirror, I may see and with reverence incline my reason to thy revealed truths; see and admire the glorious attributes of thy divinity. Give me an undaunted and rising hope that I may take fast hold on thy constant goodness, and there

cling immovable until thou bless me with the eternal possession of those things thou hast promised me. Give me an ardent universal charity through which I may pour forth my soul, by a thousand rhapsodies of love, into the boundless sea of thy Divinity, ardently loving thee only for thyself, and embracing all creatures with the arms of charity for thy sake. Amen.

#### PRAYER TO BE FREED FROM EVIL HABITS

**G**IVE me, I beseech thee, O Holy Spirit, Giver of all good gifts, that powerful grace which converts the stony hearts of mortals into burning furnaces of love. By thy grace, free my captive soul from the thralldom of every evil habit and concupiscence, to restore to it the holy liberty of the children of God. Give me to taste how sweet it is to serve the Lord and crucify the flesh with its vices and concupiscences. Enlarge my heart that I

may ever cheerfully run the way of thy commandments until I reach the goal of my aspirations, the joys and bliss of thy habitation in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ALL THE GRACES  
AND BLESSINGS WE NEED

COME, bounteous Bestower of all great gifts, come and give me all which thou knowest needful, and more than I dare ask. Others give sparingly and proportion their bounty to their store; thy gifts, though ever so ample, exhaust not nor impair thy treasures, which are ever infinite. Come, therefore, give largely, and furnish all my wants as thou seest them. Thy gifts forego deserts and better the receiver; they are without repentance or reproach. Come then, bestow thy bounties with open hand, that I may be, by them, made worthy to give thee thanks and chant an everlasting litany of thy praises among the choirs of Saints and Angels through all eternity. Amen.

PRAYER AGAINST SLOTH AND  
LUKEWARMNESS IN GOD'S  
SERVICE

**O** DIVINE Spirit of Love and Fervor, when the head of thy Church, St. Peter, lay doubly bound with fetters and with sleep—imprisoned both within walls and between two soldiers—an Angel accompanied with a heavenly light, raised him from his sleep, broke his chains and freed him from captivity. Behold here a sinner, bound hand and foot with adamantine chains of an obdurate will, seized by a deadly sleep of sloth, between ignorance and concupiscence,—come, O Spirit of Light and Love; send not an Angel, but come with thy grace and liberate my soul from the bondage of sloth and tepidity. Awake me from this deadly sleep, lest the Lord, because of my lukewarmness, begin to vomit me out of his mouth. Help me to overcome my sloth and merit the crown of those who fight the good fight for the Glory of God. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST  
FOR THE CHURCH

**O** HOLY Spirit, Creator, propiti-  
ously help the Catholic Church,  
and by thy supernal power,  
strengthen and confirm it against  
the assaults of the enemy; by thy  
charity and grace, renew the spirit  
of thy servants whom thou hast  
anointed, that in thee they may  
glorify the Father and his only be-  
gotten Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(300 days indulgence; Leo XIII., Aug. 26, 1889.)*

PRAYER TO IMPLORE THE  
DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST

**O** JESUS, Triumphant Conquer-  
or of sin and death, who hast  
taken possession of that seat of  
bliss purchased for us by thy blood,  
remember thy tender promise that  
thou wouldst not leave us orphans.  
Send down upon us and upon thy  
whole Church, that Spirit of light,  
of truth, and of love, who alone can  
bring to our minds and imprint on

our hearts the divine lessons thou hast taught us. But alas! If thy Apostles themselves were unworthy of receiving the plenitude of thy Spirit, until after they had prayed for nine days, how can I hope for his descent into a heart defiled like mine by a thousand imperfections and sinful inclinations? O my God, if thou desirest to give me thy divine Spirit, prepare thyself his dwelling in my soul; unite my heart and affections to the ardent sighs and perfect dispositions with which thy Blessed Mother and thy Apostles awaited his coming.

And thou, O Adorable Spirit, who breathest where thou wilt, deign to descend on me and on all the members of that Church to which thou wilt teach all truth to the end of time. O Spirit of purity, Spirit of peace, whom the foulest stains of sin cannot resist, purify our souls, and infuse therein the peace which the world cannot give.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S PRAYER  
TO THE HOLY GHOST

**O** LORD Jesus, I humbly beseech the Father of clemency, through thee his only son, made man, crucified, immolated, and sacrificed for me, to vouchsafe to send me the Spirit of grace, that he may bestow upon me his sevenfold gift; the spirit of wisdom, which will give me a relish for the tree of life, which is no other than thyself, and for its life-giving fruit; the spirit of understanding which will illumine the eyes of my soul; the spirit of counsel, which will guide me in thy footsteps in the way of rectitude; the spirit of fortitude, which will give me strength to vanquish all my implacable enemies; the spirit of knowledge, which will fill me with the saving light of thy doctrine and enable me to distinguish good from evil; the spirit of piety, which will make me taste the sweetness of peace; the spirit of fear, which, withdrawing me from all iniquity, will strengthen me



against danger by profound respect for thy eternal Majesty.

This is what thou wishest me to ask of thee, and this I conjure thee to grant me, through the efficacy of thy cross, and for the exaltation of thy Holy Name, to which be all honor, glory, thanksgiving, splendor and power forever and ever. Amen.

#### ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST

**H**OLY Spirit, powerful Consoler, sacred Bond of the Father and the Son, sweet Hope of the afflicted, descend this day into my heart and establish therein thy amiable empire. Enkindle in my soul, alas! so tepid, the salutary flames of thy love, that I may be inflamed and that my soul and body may be subject to thee. I believe that when thou dwellest in us thou dost prepare a dwelling for the Father and the Son. Deign then to come to me.

Come, O sweet Consoler of abandoned souls! Come, O Protector of

those who are in need! Succor of the afflicted, come and purify me; suffer no evil desire to take possession of me; heal all my wounds. Come to me, Strength of the weak, Support of the wavering; come to me, O thou who lovest the humble and resistest the proud; come to me, Hope of the necessitous, Father of orphans; come to me, Star that guidest the mariner in his career, and offerest a secure harbor to the shipwrecked; come to me, true glory of the living, sole hope of the dying; make me all that thou wishest me to be, and conduct me by thy grace, so that I may be ever pleasing to thee. Amen.



## SHORT PRAYERS FOR THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY GHOST

1. The gift of *Wisdom* places all things before you in their relation to God, their first beginning and last end, and in their relation to each other, and this produces within you the fruit of charity, the true love of God.

### INVOCATION

Spirit of Wisdom, preside over all my thoughts, words and actions, so that in all things, I may love God for his own sake above all things. Amen.

℣ Holy Mary, Seat of Wisdom,  
℟ Pray for us.

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2. The gift of *Understanding* endows you with a keen insight into the hidden truths of religion and thus sets your mind at rest and establishes you in peace.

## INVOCATION

Spirit of Understanding, do thou teach and enlighten me, so that I may never waver in my faith, but enjoy true peace of mind and heart.

✠ Holy Mary, Queen of Peace,  
R̄ Pray for us.

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3. The gift of *Knowledge* shows you how to set a right value on all things as viewed in the light of divine revelation and thus frees you from all cares and anxieties and produces within you spiritual joy.

## INVOCATION

Spirit of Knowledge, teach me how to look at things in their true light, so that I may not be kept bound by an undue attachment to earthly matters but ever rejoice in thy heavenly comforts.

✠ Holy Mary, Cause of our Joy,  
R̄ Pray for us.

4. The gift of *Counsel* shows you what to do or what to avoid under particular circumstances; and therefore, will move you to be kind and considerate even under persecution, and thus produces the fruits of benignity and goodness.

### INVOCATION

Spirit of Counsel, lead me into the ways of prudence, so that on all occasions I may do the right thing and show myself discreet, yet withal loving and obliging in the daily intercourse with my fellow men.

✠ Holy Mary, Virgin most Prudent,

R/ Pray for us.

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5. The gift of *Fortitude* imparts to you special strength to overcome difficulties in the practice of virtue, renders you patient and long suffering and thus produces the fruits of patience and longanimity.

## INVOCATION

Spirit of Fortitude, strengthen thou my weakness so that I may not be discouraged by any obstacle in the path of virtue, but humbly and willingly submit to the crosses and trials of this life.

Y Holy Mary, Queen of Martyrs,  
R Pray for us.

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6. The gift of *Piety* moves you to give to God that filial love and service which you owe to him as your heavenly Father and likewise to respect one another as brothers and sisters in Christ; hence it produces faith in God and mildness towards creatures.

## INVOCATION

Spirit of Piety, implant in my soul filial love and affection towards God my heavenly Father, and a brotherly love towards all men so that I may truly delight in the service of God and my neighbor.

✠ Holy Mary, Mother of God  
and our Mother,

℟ Pray for us.

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7. The gift of the *Fear of the Lord* makes you sensible of your own nothingness as compared to the infinite Majesty of God, keeps you in the right place, moderates all your desires and appetites, and thus begets within you the fruits of modesty, continency and chastity.

#### INVOCATION

Spirit of Holy Fear, restrain me from all evil, so that I may serve God with a clean heart and a chaste body.

✠ Holy Mary, Chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost,

℟ Pray for us.

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## DEVOTIONS FOR MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

**C**HRISTIAN piety is wont to dedicate each day of the week to some particular devotion. The Holy Ghost is honored in a special manner on Monday. The Church has recently made Thursday also a day of special devotion to the Third Person of the Adorable Trinity in as much as she has recommended the votive Mass of the Holy Ghost as well as that of the Blessed Sacrament for use on Thursday.

### MONDAYS

**O** GOD, who turnest all things to the good of them that love thee, direct, I beseech thee, my actions by thy holy inspirations and carry them out by thy gracious assistance. The duties of the week will bring me into frequent contact with the world, whose spirit is opposed to that of thy Son Jesus Christ. Withdraw not thy Holy



Spirit from me, lest the spirit of darkness ensnare me in its evil devices. Send me the Comforter, the Eternal Spirit from above, to lead me on courageously where the path of duty winds through the rough and rocky roads of trials and difficulties. Do not allow me to shirk any day's burden. Send down upon me the Spirit of salutary fear, that along the pleasant highways of life I may not go aside to enjoy the forbidden fruits of sin.

O most Holy Spirit, give me not up to the world's malice and wickedness. Whilst in the world, let me not be of the world. Let thy love embrace me and lead me by the hand. Suffer not my forehead, upon which the holy unction marked the sign of the cross, to blush with shame at the maxims of Jesus Christ; allow not the members of my body to be sullied by sin; may my will never resist thine, O Blessed Spirit, but be ever pliant under the motions of thy saving grace. Thou alone canst accomplish in me the

good desires with which thou hast inspired me; do this by thy grace, and then do with me what thou wilt. Amen.

### THURSDAYS

**O** MNIPOTENT Spirit of the Most High, who didst overshadow the Blessed Virgin Mary and form the most holy humanity of my Saviour, Jesus Christ, give me a most intense love for that same Jesus now present in the most Blessed Sacrament; make me hunger after the Bread of Life come down from heaven; help me to approach so great a mystery with that reverence and honor, that devotion and salutary fear, which is due and fitting. Lead me often to the feet of Jesus hidden in the tabernacle. Help me to become his friend now, that he may condescend, when earthly friends must abandon me, to come and be my friend and companion in the final struggle between life and death. Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO  
THE HOLY GHOST

ON my knees, before the multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body, to thee, eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of thy purity; the unerring keenness of thy justice; and the might of thy love. Thou art the strength and light of my soul. In thee I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve thee by unfaithfulness to grace; and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against thee. Make me faithful in every thought; and grant that I may always listen to thy voice, and watch for thy light and follow thy gracious inspirations. I cling to thee and give myself to thee, and ask thee, by thy compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus, and looking at his five wounds, and trusting to his precious blood, and adoring his open side and stricken heart, I implore thee, adorable Spirit, helper of my

infirmity, so to keep me in thy grace that I may never sin against thee. Give me grace, O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to thee always and everywhere: "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." Amen.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy face; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

(Ps. L., 12, 13, 14.)

### ASPIRATIONS

**D**IVINE Spirit of Truth, teach me to know Thee.

Sweet Spirit of Love, urge me to love Thee.

Mother of God, Spouse of the Holy Ghost, pray for me.

## A SECRET OF HOLINESS AND HAPPINESS

During one of his retreat conferences Cardinal Mercier offered to his hearers the following secret of sanctity:

“Every day, for five minutes, restrain your imagination and close your eyes and ears to all earthly impressions so as to be able to withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptized soul, the temple of the Holy Ghost. Then address the Holy Spirit in these terms:

O Holy Spirit! Soul of my soul, I adore thee.

Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me.

Tell me what I ought to do.

Command me to do it.

I promise to be submissive in everything

That thou shalt ask of me.

I promise to accept whatever thou permittest to befall me.

Only show me what is thy will!

“If you do this, your life will pass in contentment and peace. You will

have abundant consolation even amidst troubles, for you will receive grace in proportion to your trials and strength in proportion to your burdens, until the day when you will reach the gates of heaven weighted with precious merits. This submission to the Holy Spirit is **THE SECRET OF SANCTITY.**"

—Cardinal Mercier.

#### AN ACT OF REPARATION TO THE HOLY GHOST

**O** GOD the Holy Ghost, divine Spirit of mercy, truth and holiness, it grieves me to think that there are men who oppose thy heavenly inspirations and blind themselves to the known truth. Accept, I beseech thee, this act of homage in reparation for those terrible offences. But, alas, I too have at times offended thee by my sins. I now implore thy mercy and forgiveness; and I promise with the help of thy grace never to offend thee again and to be ever attentive to thy warnings. O thou who art

but little known and loved by men, grant, I beseech thee, that through the merits of Jesus our Redeemer, men may come to know more and more thy divine Personality, and realize, more fully, thine adorable Presence, Power and Love. Amen.

## ACTS OF THANKSGIVING

1. All praise, thanksgiving and glory be given to God the Holy Ghost, who overshadowed Mary, his Immaculate Spouse, Mother of God, and by whom the Word was made Flesh and a Saviour was given to us. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father.*

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2. All praise, thanksgiving and glory be given to God the Holy Ghost, who, at Baptism, made us the adopted sons of God, filled our hearts with sanctifying grace and imparted to us the supernatural virtues of faith, hope and charity and the seed of every virtue. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father.*

3. All praise, thanksgiving and glory be given to God the Holy Ghost, who, at Confirmation, sealed our souls unto God and made us strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ, fortifying us with his sevenfold gift of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and knowledge, of fortitude and piety, and of holy fear of the Lord. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father.*

4. All praise, thanksgiving and glory be given to God the Holy Ghost, who, descending on the Apostles and Disciples on the day of Pentecost, became the life-giver of the Church, by whose teaching he makes known to us all truth, by whose sacraments he gives us grace, and by whose guidance he directs us on the way to heaven. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father.*

5. All praise, thanksgiving and glory be given to God the Holy Ghost, who, by his indwelling in our



souls and bodies, sanctifies and consecrates to God our entire being, enabling us to think holily, and to produce his divine fruit: charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father.*

### CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY GHOST

*Approved by Edward Cardinal Manning*

**O** MY God, I give myself to thee, with all my liberty, all my intellect and heart and will. O Holy Spirit of God, take me as thy disciple, guide me, illuminate me, sanctify me. Bind my hands, that I may not do evil, cover my eyes, that I may not see evil, sanctify my heart, that evil may not rest within me. Be thou my God and my Guide. Wheresoever thou leadest me I will go, whatsoever thou forbiddest I will renounce, and whatsoever thou commandest, in thy strength I will do. Amen.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING AND  
CONSECRATION TO THE  
HOLY GHOST

**H**OLY Spirit, divine Consoler, I adore thee as my true God. I bless thee and unite with all the Angels and Saints in praising thee. I offer thee my whole heart, and I render thee sincere thanks for all the benefits thou hast bestowed and continuest to bestow upon the whole world. I wish to praise thee and thank thee especially, in behalf of all those Christians who, either through neglect, ignorance or thoughtlessness, never render thee any special homage. Thou who art the author of all supernatural gifts and who didst enrich with immense favors, the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, I beseech thee, to visit me by thy grace and thy love, and to grant me thy sevenfold gift, in order that I may, with constant love and perseverance, walk in the way of eternal salvation.

**DIVINE PRAISES IN HONOR OF  
THE HOLY GHOST**

Glory be to the Holy Ghost forever  
and ever.

Glory be to the Comforter forever  
and ever.

Glory be to the Spirit of truth for-  
ever and ever.

Glory be to the Spirit of grace and  
prayer forever and ever.

Glory be to the Spirit of Jesus for-  
ever and ever.

Glory be to the Spirit of the Father  
and the Son forever and ever.

Glory be to the Third Person of  
the Adorable Trinity forever  
and ever.

**LITANY OF THE HOLY GHOST**

*(For Private Devotion Only)*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Holy Ghost, hear us.

Holy Ghost, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity one God,  
Holy Ghost, who proceedest from  
the Father and the Son,  
Holy Ghost, co-equal with the Father  
and the Son,  
Promise of the Father, most loving  
and most bounteous,  
Gift of the most high God,  
Ray of heavenly light,  
Author of all good,  
Source of living water,  
Consuming fire,  
Burning love,  
Spiritual unction,  
Spirit of truth and power,  
Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
Spirit of counsel and of fortitude,  
Spirit of knowledge and of piety,  
Spirit of the fear of the Lord,  
Spirit of compunction and of penance,  
Spirit of grace and of prayer,  
Spirit of charity, peace and joy,  
Spirit of patience, longanimity and  
goodness,  
Spirit of benignity, mildness and  
fidelity,  
Spirit of modesty, continence and  
chastity,  
Spirit of adoption of the sons of God,  
Holy Ghost, the Comforter,  
Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier,

*Have mercy on us.*

Who in the beginning didst move over the waters, By whose inspiration spake the holy men of God, Who didst overshadow Mary, Who didst co-operate in the miracu- lous conception of the Son of God, Who didst descend upon him at his baptism, Who on the day of Pentecost didst appear in fiery tongues upon the disciples of the Lord, By whom we also are born, Who dwellest in us, Who governest the Church, Who fillest the whole world, Holy Ghost, That thou renew the face of the earth, That thou shed abroad thy light in our hearts, That thou write thy law in our hearts, That thou inflame us with the fire of thy love, That thou open to us the treasures of thy grace, That thou teach us to ask for them according to thy will, That thou enlighten us with thy heavenly inspirations, That thou keep us to thyself by thy powerful attractions,	<p><i>Have mercy on us.</i></p> <p><i>We beseech Thee, hear us.</i></p>
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That thou grant to us the knowledge  
that alone is necessary,  
That thou help us to love and bear  
with one another,  
That thou lead us in the way of thy  
commandments,  
That thou make us obedient to thy  
inspirations,  
That thou teach us to pray, and thy-  
self pray with us,  
That thou clothe us with love to-  
wards our brethren,  
That thou inspire us with horror of  
evil,  
That thou direct us in the practice of  
good,  
That thou give us the grace of all  
virtues,  
That thou cause us to persevere in  
justice,  
That thou be thyself our everlasting  
reward,  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Spare us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Have mercy on us, O  
Lord.  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Have mercy on us, O  
Lord.  
Holy Ghost, hear us,  
Holy Ghost, graciously hear us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.

*We beseech Thee, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

¶ Create in us a clean heart, O God

¶ And renew a right spirit in us.

LET US PRAY

GRANT, O merciful Father, that thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and cleanse our hearts; that he may penetrate us with his heavenly dew, and make us fruitful in good works. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Flowers from Many Gardens

### A THOUGHT FOR EVERY DAY OF THE MONTH

1. "Know you not, that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? But if any man violate the temple of God, him shall God destroy. For the temple of God is holy, which you are." (I Cor. III. 16).

2. "The Holy Spirit is continually knocking at the door of our heart. We ardently desire that he should enter, but how can he enter, if it is filled with evil or vain affections?" (Venerable Libermann).

3. "The Spirit of God made me, and the breath of the Almighty gave me life." (Job XXXIII. 4).

4. "As Christians, our perfection is to live governed, not by the inclinations of the passions, but by



those of the Holy Ghost." (St. Francis de Sales).

5. "No man can say the Lord Jesus, but by the Holy Ghost." (I Cor. XII. 3). If we cannot pronounce worthily the name of God, without the aid of the Holy Spirit, how can we resist temptation all the day long without his aid?

6. In your trials and tribulations, forget not, O Christian soul, that Jesus sent the Holy Ghost that you might have a Divine Comforter.

7. "The Holy Ghost ought to be our guide, our love, our all. He has been given to us to be the life of our souls." (Venerable Libermann).

8. "Be assured of this: The Holy Spirit reigns only in the peaceful and unselfish soul." (St. John of the Cross).

9. "Practice obedience to authority, for it is thus the Holy Ghost

usually leads souls." (St. Francis de Sales).

10. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God. Let all bitterness, and anger, and indignation, and clamour, and blasphemy, be put away from you. Be ye kind one to another; merciful, forgiving one another, even as God hath forgiven you." (Eph. IV. 30-32).

11. "We earnestly desire that piety may increase and be inflamed towards the Holy Ghost, to whom especially all of us owe the grace of following the paths of truth and virtue." (Pope Leo XIII.)

12. "In spite of all the injuries which he received on earth from men, Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, that by his holy flame, the Holy Ghost might kindle in our hearts, the fire of love and sanctify our souls." (St. Alphonsus).

13. "No good will ever arrive at maturity and perfection, which is

not conceived by the Holy Ghost." (St. Isidore).

14. "Whosoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Rom. VIII. 14). Am I a son of God or a slave of the passions?

15. "Even as water gives life and fecundity to everything; even as it is to be found in the purple of the grape, the red of the rose and the white of the lily, so does the Holy Ghost give supernatural life, so is the influence of the Holy Ghost to be found in the purity of virgins, in the fortitude of martyrs, in the wisdom of confessors." (St. Cyril of Jerusalem).

16. "In the Holy Ghost there is infallible truth, unbounded charity and insuperable strength to conquer our ignorance, our malice and our cowardice." (St. Bonaventure).

17. "The Spirit breatheth where he will; and thou hearest his voice, but thou knowest not whence he

cometh, and whither he goeth." (John III. 8). Be ever recollected for he may speak to thee this day out of the dark cloud of tribulation or in the bright sunshine of joy.

18. "That heart must be indeed hard, from which the Holy Ghost can strike no spark of contrition or love through chastisements, threats and mishaps." (St. Bonaventure).

19. "As the blossom without the sun can give no fruit, so the will, without the assistance of the Holy Ghost, can produce no good works for heaven." (St. Bonaventure).

20. "O what blindness! Man repines when he loses an earthly treasure and he cares not if he lose faith, charity, justice, virtue, heavenly treasures of the Holy Ghost." (St. Bonaventure).

21. "The Spirit himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God." (Rom. VIII. 16).

Remember, O my soul, thy dignity. *Noblesse oblige*. Much is rightly expected of one of high rank.

22. "Let us throw off all vice and make of our hearts worthy habitations of the Holy Ghost." (Denis, the Carthusian).

23. "The Holy Ghost teaches us to understand all truth, to conquer all vanity, to do, in all things, the will of God." (St. Bernard).

24. "O Divine Spirit, I wish to be before you as a light feather, so that your breath may carry me where it wills and that I never offer it the least resistance."

(Venerable Libermann).

25. "God has a special work for each of his creatures to do. His outward providence does not always clearly manifest what it is. Therefore we must pray often to the Holy Ghost for light."

(Father Faber).

26. "The Holy Ghost is given in this life to strengthen the weak, to make victorious the soldiers of Jesus Christ, to give counsel to the doubtful, to enlighten the mind and inflame the heart of such as love God." (St. Lawrence Justinian).

27. "As a mirror, which is besmirched, cannot receive and reproduce an image, so neither can the soul of man receive the inspirations of the Holy Ghost and perform supernatural works unless it is kept cleansed from sin and inordinate affections." (St. Basil).

28. "If the damned were asked: 'Why are you in hell?' They would answer: 'For having resisted the Holy Ghost.' If the Saints were asked: 'Why are you in heaven?' They would answer: 'For having listened to the Holy Ghost.'" (St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars).

29. "Under the influence of the Holy Ghost our works of earthly

clay are turned into golden treasures of Heaven."

(St. John Chrysostom).

30. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but justice, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Rom. XIV. 17).







**PART II**

**Instructions on Devotion  
to the Holy Ghost**





## Devotion to the Holy Ghost

### A FUNDAMENTAL DEVOTION

**T**ELL me, is there a sweeter picture than that of the young mother pressing to her bosom her first-born? The mother buries her affections in that tender little babe and that mother-love remains as long as she lives. In that mother and in that mother's love you have but a faint image of the infinite Love of God, the Holy Ghost, for the Christian soul.

The devoted mother can only press the child of her affection to her bosom; she cannot dwell within it. Her affection cannot make it one whit more beautiful, nor penetrate to the soul. But the Holy

Ghost dwells within the soul he loves. His Pledge of love, which we call sanctifying grace, penetrates our very soul and makes it his fit dwelling place; prepares it to know him and love him eternally as he is in himself, and not merely as he is represented to us in his creatures around us. It raises us high above all created things; it makes us one of God's own adopted family; it gives us the family likeness by which all those will be distinguished who are eternally saved. If you ever reach heaven, it will be through your close union with the Holy Ghost who adorns the soul, in which he dwells, with the seal of his affection. Do you not realize, devout Christian, how important is devotion to the Holy Ghost for those who wish to save their souls? Your catechism taught you that sanctifying grace is absolutely necessary for salvation; and it is only when the Holy Ghost comes into your soul, when he makes you a child of his special predilection,

that you receive sanctifying grace. You should, therefore, cultivate this devotion, which is the fundamental devotion of the spiritual life, and the foundation upon which all your other devotions must rest.

#### ALL TRUE CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS INSPIRED BY THE HOLY GHOST

THE Church's devotions are Gospel truths in their efflorescence, the flowers of practical faith. Jesus sowed the seeds of truth when he tarried upon this earth. The Holy Ghost cast his bright rays of light upon them and they developed into a variety of devotions. All the Church's devotions—devotion to the Holy Souls, to our Blessed Mother, to the Saints—are flowers springing up along the wayside of life, to give charm and sweetness to our holy religion. It is under the guidance of the Holy Ghost that they spring up. They should all remind us of the fecundity and bounty of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, who teaches us all

truth in the manner that becomes our temperament, and who inspires those devotions that best suit our times and our weaknesses. All our devotions should, therefore, begin and end with an invocation of the Holy Ghost who inspires them, and who gives life and love and grace to the individual soul, and without whose aid, Holy Scripture tells us, we cannot even pronounce, as we should, the holy name of Jesus.

#### THE FOUNDATION OF ALL CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS

**D**EVOTION to the *Sacred Heart* of Jesus, is a revelation of God's condescension to our weakness. Well does he know that the human heart is ever seeking some carnal object around which to entwine its affections. He proposes to it, the heart of Jesus, the symbol of infinite, unrequited love, love lavished and almost wasted on us. Who could better teach us how to practice this devotion of love than the Divine Person, who is the liv-

ing, substantial Love, of the Father and the Son, the Holy Ghost himself? Therefore, we can very appropriately begin our devotions to the Sacred Heart with an invocation to the Holy Ghost.

As you linger before the tabernacle, enclosing the Body and Blood of our Divine Lord, or humbly prepare your own tabernacle, your soul, for the *Eucharistic Reception of Jesus, in Holy Communion*, remember who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary for the first visit of Jesus Incarnate to this world of ours. Sacred Scripture tells us the Holy Ghost overshadowed her. To the same Holy Spirit, the Church bids her priest raise his heart as he prepares to approach the holy altar. In the priest's preparation for holy Mass, as found in the Mass book, there are seven prayers, six of which are addressed to the Holy Ghost. The Church is your best guide in the choice of your devotions. Therefore, take the inspiration which she gives you and be-

fore Holy Communion beg the Holy Ghost, to assist you to prepare a worthy dwelling place in your soul for Jesus, even as He prepared a place for him in the womb of Mary.

*Our Blessed Mother* is honored above all, because she is the Mother of Jesus, our loving Saviour. She was conceived immaculate that she might be a worthy mother to him who was to conquer sin and Satan. The Divine Maternity is her great prerogative. It is the Sun of her glory; all her other prerogatives are but the rays of that Sun. Remember that Mary became the Mother of Jesus through the Holy Ghost. He is her spouse; therefore, he will inspire us with a true and tender devotion to her if, before we begin our devotion, we beg his grace and assistance. The Gospel tells us very explicitly that it was, when Elizabeth was "filled with the Holy Ghost," that she sang the praises of Mary. It was the Holy Ghost himself then who first in-



spired us to honor Mary. The Church associates devotion to the Holy Ghost with devotion to Mary in her most official prayer book, the Missal. She prescribes for a Votive Mass in honor of Our Blessed Mother, a prayer to the Holy Ghost.

*Saints are honored* by the faithful because they were, in a special manner, the glorious temples of the Holy Ghost, temples adorned with flowers, the fairest and rarest; flowers of heavenly virtue and heroic mortification. But if we honor the temple, should we not honor the God within the temple? The Catholic tourist who visits the glorious cathedrals of Europe without ever whispering a prayer to the God who dwells within their venerable and hallowed walls, would not unjustly be accused of lukewarmness. When you go, in spirit and in prayer, to those living temples of the Holy Ghost—to St. Joseph, St. Anthony, St. Rita, etc.,—think of the God who dwelt within them; think of the Holy Ghost, who made

them so glorious and admirable. Ask him to teach you the lessons you should learn from their lives. Then your devotion to them will be fruitful, not only, through their intercession for you in heaven, but also, through their example while dwelling on earth. The church prescribes for her official preparation for the Feast of *All Saints*, a prayer to the Holy Ghost.

*Devotion to the Poor Souls* is one of the most consoling and most practical devotions inspired by the Holy Ghost to keep alive, among the faithful, the doctrine of the Communion of the Saints. It does more, perhaps, than all the learned theological treatises, to recall to our minds that we are not the sole members of Christ's kingdom; that there is the Church Triumphant, the Church Militant and the Church Suffering. It was the Holy Ghost who inspired those words, of which we are reminded by the Church, when we lay to rest our dear de-

parted: "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." (II Machabees XII. 46). A loving child treasures the words of father and mother and puts them into practice. Will the devout child of the Holy Ghost allow his words to fall on stony ground? Devotion to the Holy Souls will not decrease our devotion to him. It will rather tend to increase it; for the Spirit of Charity will love us all the more, if, in our devotions, we seek not only our own welfare but also that of our poor suffering brethren. St. Paul tells us: "Charity is poured forth into our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, who is given to us." (Rom. V. 5). By devotion to the poor souls we exercise in a most sublime manner this gift of the Divine Spirit. Ask him, therefore, each day, before you go forth to your duties, to remind you often to breathe an ejaculation in behalf of your dear departed.

A DEVOTION FOR ALL AGES  
AND ALL CLASSES

**W**E should never forget the warning of St. Paul that our warfare here below is against principalities and powers, against the spirits of wickedness in high places. Those spirits were once bright angels of God who now use all their evil power and intelligence to deceive us. The dupes of Satan today are entrenched in opposite camps, apparently opponents, but serving the same, hard taskmaster, either as materialists or as spiritualists. When the votaries of the devil tire of living for worldly pleasures, or when they become disgusted with them, he gives them the poisoned food of spiritualism to satisfy their morbid craving for a taste of the hereafter. Because man was created with a material body and a spiritual soul, (he himself caused disagreement between these elements by sin), Satan, the father of lies and discord, caters now to one element, now to the other, to

effect disagreement between them. The Holy Spirit, the bond of unity in the Holy Trinity, would guide us in all our aspirations for material and spiritual good, if we would only hearken to his inspirations. It is well worthy of note that, in the middle ages, truly the ages of faith, men knew how to erect magnificent material structures that our utilitarian age cannot imitate, such as the cathedrals of Europe, without being engulfed in the material element. Why? Because they had ideals; because they worked for something nobler than transient utility. They lived and moved under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. They even dedicated many of their works to the Holy Spirit. In those ages of faith, the children of God had a longing, as we now have, to bridge over the terrible chasm between the here and the hereafter. Because they asked the Holy Ghost to guide them into the mysterious regions of the hereafter, they developed those beauti-

ful devotions to the Saints and the Poor Souls, for which their age is famous. Every trade union, every social organization, chose its own patron Saints from among God's friends. Every society, whether civil or religious, had its anniversary Mass for its departed members. They needed not the devil's alternatives of materialism or spiritism to satisfy the cravings of their complex nature. As of old, so now also, devotion to the Holy Ghost will safeguard us against these two diabolical extremes.

### IN AMERICA

SO American Catholics, devotion to the Holy Ghost and to his Immaculate Spouse, the Blessed Virgin Mary, should be especially dear. These two devotions were bequeathed to us by our Fathers in God, the Bishops of our country, when assembled at the Councils of Baltimore. In the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore, the Bishops

insisted upon having devotion to the Holy Ghost propagated in our seminaries, that it might become the special devotion of the future shepherds of the flock of Jesus Christ. We are a liberty-loving nation. But liberty will be swallowed up by license unless the Holy Ghost inspires us with respect for authority, law and order.

#### IN THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

THE sublimest model of the Christian family was manifested to the world on the first Christmas morn when the brightness of heaven shone round the cave of Bethlehem. Who ever thinks of the workings of the Holy Ghost in that little earthly paradise? Mary was the Mother of Jesus because she was docile to the motions of the Divine Spirit. Joseph willingly made the greatest sacrifices when the same Spirit spoke to him through the Angel. Jesus, the Son of God, was subject

to Mary and Joseph until he was led by the Holy Spirit, at the age of thirty, into the desert to begin his life's work. Does the spirit of the world or the Spirit of God hover over our homes? The Spirit of God is the Spirit of that harmony which makes the Christian home a haven of peace and happiness.

#### COMMENDS ITSELF TO THE YOUNG

ONE of the classical authors wrote: "Bestow thy youth so that thou mayest have comfort to remember it when it hath forsaken thee. Use it as the springtime which soon departeth and wherein thou oughtest to plant and sow all provisions for a long and happy life." Another adds: "What excuse can youth find for thoughtlessness at the very time when every crisis of future fortunes hangs on your decisions? A youth thoughtless! When all the happiness of his home depends forever on the chances or the passions of the hour. A youth



thoughtless! When his every act is a foundation stone of future conduct and every thought a fountain of life or death." Thoughtlessness may lead the young man or the innocent maiden into an abyss of misery. With whom shall they take counsel in those years when passion is strong, the imagination vivid, the world so attractive, pleasure so enticing? In the crucial hours of youthful wavering and indecision, no guide is so safe as the Holy Ghost, and those who represent him here below, our elders and confessors. "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." (Eccles. XII. 1). "Whosoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Rom. VIII. 14).

#### COMMENDS ITSELF TO THOSE IN THE PRIME OF LIFE

**W**HEN we have attained the prime of manhood or womanhood are we self-sufficient? Are we out of danger's reach? Alas, how

often the success of middle-age makes men forgetful of the path that led up to that happy time of moral contentment and earthly plenty. An unbridled youth brought many a Christian to a premature old age. Who guided and guarded you through the perils of youth to the pinnacle of an honorable manhood or womanhood? With St. Paul you must answer: "By the grace of God, I am what I am." All that is good in me came to me from God's infinite mercy. Forget not that the grace of God and charity were poured forth into our hearts by the Holy Ghost. In a spirit of gratitude, be devout to that guiding Spirit, and allow not forgetfulness of your divine Benefactor to deprive you of that grace of which passion and the impulsiveness of youth did not deprive you, thanks to the watchful care of the Holy Spirit. How many have kept themselves free from the servitude of vice? How many have, perhaps, for years, led a life above all reproach,

and suddenly, when they seemed to have attained the summit of Christian perfection, have fallen, and fallen so low? What was the cause of this? Conquered by a secret pride, they confided in their own strength and disregarded the voice of conscience, the voice of the Holy Spirit.

#### COMMENDS ITSELF TO THE OLD

THE descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Church was the crowning glory of the revelation of the Holy Trinity to man. Even so, old age should be the crowning glory of God's work in the individual soul. Old age is something noble and venerable. If we are mounting high on the ladder of years, the Holy Ghost should be invoked, to make our last days the climax of all goodness and service and love of God and man, and not a time of bitter repining and melancholy. The aged should make the sentiments of Pope Leo XIII., of

happy memory, their own. He wrote in his masterly letter on devotion to the Holy Ghost: "Now that we are looking forward to the approach of the closing days of our life, our soul is deeply moved to dedicate to the Holy Ghost, who is the life-giving Love, all the work we have done, that he may bring it to maturity and fruitfulness."

#### A DEVOTION FOR THE SORROWFUL

**W**EN of the world often seek to drown their sorrows in sinful dissipation. They know not that they are taking the most direct route to ultimate despair, and the devil is already pointing out the coward's expedient to escape shame or sorrow,—suicide. The believing Christian knows that Jesus promised to send us a divine person as our Comforter. Holy Scripture tells us that after the Apostles received the Holy Ghost they rejoiced that they were accounted worthy to suffer reproach for the name of Jesus.

What cowards they were before the Holy Ghost came upon them! They hid themselves for fear of the Jews. God loves to see us cheerful even under our crosses. Joy will make the cross easier to bear. Therefore, in the hour of trial, go to the Holy Ghost whom the Church addresses: "Of all Comforters the best." St. Paul, when speaking of himself and his first converts, says: "We glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience trial; and trial hope; and hope confoundeth not, because the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, who is given to us."

#### WHY IS TRUE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY GHOST SO RARE?

**P**ERCHANCE there are still to be found among Christians," wrote the learned Pope Leo XIII., "some, who if asked, as were those of old by St. Paul the Apostle, whether they have received the Holy Ghost, might answer in like

manner: We have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Ghost." At least there are certainly many who are very deficient in their knowledge of him. They frequently use his name in their religious practices but their faith is involved in much darkness. This may be one reason why devotion to the Holy Spirit is rare; for we do not love what we do not know.

Another reason may be, because this devotion is so opposed to the spirit of the times. Even in their devotions men are forever trying to compromise; and hence a devotion which is so spiritual and sublime, does not appeal to the popular mind, in an age when the atmosphere is dense with dust, scattered by the votaries of pleasure, wealth and sensuality.

Cardinal Manning also gives a very plausible reason why this devotion is not more widespread. He says: "The conception of the fatherhood of God and of our sonship to him is a conception altogether

natural to our hearts. We learn it in our home from our earliest consciousness in the relation we bear to our earthly father. The Incarnation of the Son of God brings him also within the sphere and range of our intelligence and of our heart; so that we conceive of him as incarnate, visible upon earth, and invested with all our sympathies, and with the love of his Sacred Heart full of compassion for us. These two conceptions are, I may say, within the range of nature. They come to us at once. But the Holy Ghost, a Spirit that has never been seen, has never been incarnate, inscrutable, present everywhere, never manifest except by the operations of his power—this is a reality like the motion of the earth, which we know by our reason but cannot detect by any sense; or it is like the circulation of the blood which we know as a fact, but never perceive all the day long. So the indwelling and the work of the

Holy Ghost in the soul is a divine truth, so altogether inscrutable, so impalpable, so insensible, that we pass it by. Therefore, we do not so often adore the Author and Giver of all grace, the Holy Ghost, with a special worship."

#### REASONS FOR SPECIAL DEVOTION TO THE HOLY GHOST

**E**VEN though devotion to the Holy Ghost underlies all our devotions, if they are devotions approved by the Church, such implicit devotion does not satisfy our obligations to the Holy Spirit. There are many reasons why every Catholic should have special devotion to the Holy Ghost. We will recall only three of them here:

First, because he is a Divine Person, coequal with the Father and the Son, we are bound to adore Him and honor him, even as we honor the First and Second Persons of the Holy Trinity. He inspired those words of bitter complaint found in Holy Scripture, wherein he asks his



people, why they do not honor him as their God if they believe in him.

Secondly, gratitude for the gift of faith should arouse us to devotion to the Holy Ghost. This is one of the motives Pope Leo XIII. suggests for this devotion. He says in one of his beautiful instructions to the Christian world: "We earnestly desire that piety may increase and be inflamed towards the Holy Ghost to whom especially all of us owe the grace of following the path of truth."

Lastly, St. Paul tells us: "The charity of God is poured forth into our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, who is given to us." We need this supernatural charity to save our souls; therefore, we should be devout to Him who gives it to us. In fact Jesus himself gave his Apostles this motive when he told them: "It is expedient for you that I go, for if I go not, the Paraclete (the Holy Ghost) will not come to you."

IMPEDIMENTS TO DEVOTION  
TO THE HOLY GHOST

THREE of the greatest impediments to growth of this devotion in the soul are: pride of intellect, materialism or inordinate attachment to the things of this world, and sensuality. Therefore, pray for those who are subject to their dire influence and, since you love the Holy Ghost, be ever on your guard against their evil influence.

Indiscriminate reading is the fertile mother of pride of intellect. The vain desire to be able to prate about all the modern theories of science and life, to be able to give an appreciation of the latest novels, leads men and women to read any trash that the press can print. Soon the mind becomes impregnated with ungodly principles, and the simple, solid instructions, given from the altar, are sneered at. All horror for divorce and its sister evils is lost; for the modern novel

turns such vices into virtues. Thus the mind becomes blinded to the true principles of faith and morality and is led into the awful sin against the Holy Ghost—rejection of the known truth. Thus the Christian soul places itself outside the sweet saving influence of the Holy Spirit.

Materialism and its consequent attachment to earthly things, creates within the soul, a disposition which is antagonistic to devotion to the Holy Ghost. Materialism would have us measure the value of all things, including religion, merely from a utilitarian point of view; whereas the sublimest gift of the Holy Ghost, the gift of wisdom, leads us up to the very throne of God, to look down upon all things, from God's point of view.

Lastly, sins against holy purity drive the Holy Spirit out of his temple and make of it the lair of filthy beasts. When tempted to commit such sins we should strive

to recall the warning of St. Paul: "Know you not, that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? But if any man violate the temple of God, him will God destroy. For the temple of God is holy, which you are."

### AIDS TO DEVOTION TO THE HOLY GHOST

**R**ESPECT for our person and recollection are efficacious means of disposing our souls for this sublime devotion to the Holy Ghost. The material house of God we love to find clean and beautiful, but beautiful with a chaste beauty and not adorned with the gaudy trappings of the theater or music hall. Even so, out of respect for the Holy Ghost, we should keep clean and neat, his living temple, which is our body. We should respect it too much to desecrate it with trappings unbecoming the temple of God.

Recollection is of paramount importance to those who wish to be

devoted to the Holy Ghost, because in this devotion there are few external symbols to appeal to the senses. Speaking of the work of the Holy Ghost in the soul, Father Faber says: "The Holy Spirit's method of operating within us is peculiarly subtle, delicate and spiritual. He is in the soul the beginning, representative and ally of all immaterial interests. Devotion to him leads us by the hand to the very gates of heaven and makes us at home in the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Holy Trinity. It gives us a facility in believing, a promptitude in serving God, a most irrepressible joy in unworldly things." Elsewhere the same author warns us that the Divine Spirit's inspirations are so gentle, so sweet, so delicate that they escape unperceived, if we are not habitually recollected; and yet our sanctity, our eternal salvation may depend upon our correspondence with them. Behold, devout client of the Holy Ghost, how important it

is for you to invoke the Spirit of Light and Love before all your works and even before all your devotions. Frequently let your heart's affections go out to him even if it is only in the short ejaculation: "Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them, the fire of thy love."

#### DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES IN HONOR OF THE HOLY GHOST

1. Read carefully every book and instruction you can find treating of the Holy Ghost.
2. "EXTINGUISH NOT THE SPIRIT" (I Thess. V. 19) in your soul by mortal sin.
3. Remember always that "YOUR MEMBERS ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST" (I Cor. VI. 19). Do not defile this temple. Keep it always pure.
4. "GRIEVE NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT" (Eph. IV. 30) by de-

spising his inspirations and neglecting his grace.

5. Since every grace comes through the Holy Ghost, testify your gratitude by piously recalling the days on which you were signally blessed, especially the anniversary of baptism, confirmation, etc.
6. Have recourse to him in every important affair of life. "Without the Holy Spirit," says St. Chrysostom, "the faithful can neither pray to God nor call him their Father."
7. Before every undertaking recite the prayer: Come, Holy Ghost, etc., p. 196.
8. Consecrate yourself anew to the Holy Ghost every Monday.







## Reflections on Our Relations to the Holy Ghost

(The opening sentence of each reflection is taken from the Encyclical letter, *Divinum Illud*, of Pope Leo XIII., addressed to the Catholic world on May 4, 1897.)

### THE HOLY GHOST COMPLETES CHRIST'S WORK

"According to his inscrutable counsels, our Saviour did not will to complete his office entirely himself, but, as he had received it from the Father, so he transmitted it for its completion to the Holy Ghost." (Leo XIII.).

Many Christians would like to have seen Jesus when he tarried here below. But that is neither possible nor necessary, for we have with us another divine Person, who perfects the work of Christ in the world. What the beautiful sunshine of day is to the dawn, our own age

is, in a spiritual sense, to that of Christ. The dawn is sublime and beautiful but the sunshine gives the earth its fruits. Even so, it is the Holy Ghost who brings forth in our souls, the fruits of our Redemption through Jesus Christ. The Easter morn of Christ's Resurrection was short, but the bright day of the Church's life, goes on forever, giving strength and light and life to souls through the beneficent influence of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, let us not lose precious moments vainly wishing to have lived when Jesus went about doing good. Let us look to the Divine Comforter, the Holy Ghost, whom he and the Father sent to be ever with us. Let us resolve under his sweet influence to go about doing good ourselves to all men, especially in the course of our daily duties.

#### THE HOLY GHOST, OUR INTERCESSOR, CONSOLER AND TEACHER

“It is consoling to recall the assurances which Christ gave to the

body of his disciples a little before he left the earth: 'It is expedient to you that I go: for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you' (John XVI. 7)." (Leo XIII.).

These words, which the learned Pontiff quoted from the gospel of St. John, we have heard repeatedly read from the altar. Did they ever make any impression on us? Did we ever ask ourselves why it is good for us that the Holy Ghost came down upon the Christian world? Jesus told us why — that the Spirit of Truth might be our Teacher and Consoler. To whom do we go for light and guidance when we are face to face with the difficult problems of life; when we do not know what state of life to choose; when we do not know what course to follow in our relations with a certain friend, in our relations with our family, our children; when we do not know how to answer the scoffing unbeliever whom we must meet in the performance

of our daily duties? To whom do we go when we need comfort to bear up with the monotony of duty? To whom do we go when the hand of affliction or sorrow weighs heavily upon us? Do we go to the Teacher and Comforter whom Jesus sent to us, the Holy Ghost? However great be your destitution or the trials under which you groan, remember that the First and Second Person of the Blessed Trinity have commissioned the Holy Spirit to be your sovereign Comforter. Consequently, it is the will of the Father and the Son that you seek solace and relief in the Holy Spirit. Let your groans and your aspirations ascend to him and be assured that in him you will find an asylum and a sanctuary where your sorrows and burning desires may at length taste sweet refreshment and supreme consolation.

THE HOLY GHOST PUTS SUPERNATURAL LIFE AND ENDURANCE  
INTO OUR WORK

“We have earnestly striven by

the help of grace to follow the example of Christ. In pursuance of this object, we have endeavored to direct all our efforts towards the restoration of Christian principles both in civil and domestic society. But now that we are looking forward to the approach of the closing days of our life, our soul is deeply moved to dedicate to the Holy Ghost all the work we have done that he may bring it to maturity and fruitfulness." (Leo XIII.).

In these words the Pope teaches us a valuable lesson. How many good things we do in life merely because we have a natural attraction for them. But when the external glory that we seek is swamped in the rough sea of hard work and persevering effort, we grow weary and give up. Often we begin well, we enter with great enthusiasm into some noble undertaking; we take up some work of Charity; we resolve to practice some special devotion each day with our family; but soon we lose all our energy. The

natural enthusiasm wears off because it has not sufficient motive power to urge us on in a difficult and continuous uphill effort. It is only in the strength of the Divine Spirit that we can persevere till the end. We bring few of our good works to maturity because we forget to beg the Holy Ghost to give us his supernatural strength; because we fail to ask him for the grace of perseverance.

#### TO THE HOLY GHOST WE OWE THE LIGHT OF FAITH

“To the Holy Ghost, especially, all of us owe the grace of following the path of truth and virtue.” (Leo XIII.).

Did we ever realize this before? We are Catholics because we were born again of water and the Holy Ghost, or in other words, because we were baptized and made children of God through the Holy Ghost. We did not merit this grace any more than the poor heathen of darkest Africa or distant Asia, whom we, perhaps, despise. Let us

beware of imitating the Pharisee who prayed: "O God, I give thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men; extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican." Pray rather that the Holy Ghost may bring all men to the knowledge of the truth. Who of us has not a dear friend among the stray sheep outside the true fold? Why are we more favored than that poor soul? God alone knows. Of one thing, however, we are sure, that by the grace which the Holy Spirit deigned to bestow on us, we are Catholics today. Let us strive to prove our gratitude for that great grace, and never allow it to be said of us what St. Paul, of old, said of the Jews who had been especially favored by God: "You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Ghost." (Acts VII. 51).

#### THE HOLY GHOST AND THE INCARNATION

"The work of the Incarnation is appropriated especially to the Holy

Ghost so that the gospel thus speaks of the Blessed Virgin: 'She was found with child of the Holy Ghost.' " (Leo XIII.).

Therefore, if Jesus is with us, if we can find any consolation in the realization that he wept even as our babes weep; that he had a body which could become weary even as ours is weary after the day's task is done; that he suffered in every limb more than we shall ever be expected to suffer; if any of these thoughts give us consolation, let us remember that that body, which makes him so like to us, and therefore, so very near and dear to us, was formed by the Holy Ghost. How few think of the Holy Ghost, save on Pentecost morning, and yet the Christmas cave of Bethlehem is full of his glory, his power, his goodness, his love for poor sinners.

Wherever Jesus is, whether in the cold cave of Bethlehem or in the poor little house in Nazareth, or teaching in the magnificent temple



at Jerusalem, or with tender mercy, assuaging the sufferings of mankind along the village streets, or dying for us sinners on Calvary's height, the Holy Spirit is upon him. If you wish to know the goodness of Jesus, if you wish to understand his life and teaching as preached from the altar, Sunday after Sunday, pray to the Holy Ghost for light, and study frequently, the pen pictures which the Holy Ghost gave us of Jesus, in the holy gospels.

### THE HOLY GHOST AND THE CHURCH

"The Church which, already conceived, came forth from the side of the second Adam in his sleep on the cross, first showed herself before the eyes of men on the great day of Pentecost. On that day the Holy Ghost began to manifest his gifts in the mystic body of Christ." (Leo XIII.).

Pentecost may rightly be called the birthday of the Church. When

the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles, then only did they become brave and zealous, then only did they go forth fearlessly to defend the doctrine of Christ before audiences that were not only unsympathetic but even antagonistic. Today the world is filled with cowards who have not the courage of their convictions, who are slaves to the spirit of the times. What we need is the light and strength from the Holy Ghost to help us to live up to the Church's teaching, especially in reference to chastity, honesty and loyalty, so that no man can sneer at the Catholic Church because Catholics fail to do what is right. There is work to be done for God and the Church by the devout client of the Holy Ghost. The powers of evil are abroad; this is their hour. Let us take God's side boldly and uncompromisingly, not only by our open profession of faith, but also by our good deeds. The Holy Ghost will help us to do this even as he helped the Apostles of old.

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THE HOLY GHOST AND THE  
PRIESTHOOD

“By the Holy Ghost the Bishops are constituted, and by their ministry are multiplied not only the children but also the fathers—that is to say, the priests—to rule and feed the Church by that blood wherewith Christ has redeemed her.” (Leo XIII.).

Our priests are the heralds of truth and mercy through whom the Holy Ghost dispenses the infinite treasures amassed by Jesus, the Saviour of mankind. They are chosen by the Holy Ghost to feed the minds of men with the truths of salvation; to strengthen the wills of men with the gospel precepts; to clothe the souls of men through the sacraments with the royal robes of grace and virtue. We are destined by God to be living temples of the Holy Ghost. To become such, the Church usually tells us as Jesus of old told the lepers: “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” From them we receive the sacra-

ments, which are the ordinary channels of grace. What a terrible responsibility rests on the shoulders of our priests! Do we ever think of praying for them that the Holy Ghost may help them in their important work?

### THE HOLY GHOST IN THE JUST SOUL

"The manner and the extent of the action of the Holy Ghost in individual souls is no less wonderful, although somewhat more difficult to understand, inasmuch as it is entirely invisible." (Leo XIII.).

Perhaps it is also very difficult to understand because it is so much more noble than we could ever expect it to be. A friend's gift is to us a mere token of his kindness and a reminder of himself; but when the Holy Ghost gives us sanctifying grace, he even gives us himself as a proof of his infinite love. Mother's picture, carried about in our watch case or in a locket, reminds us to be good and worthy of her.

When the image of God is impressed upon our soul through grace, it is not only to remind us to be good, but the Holy Ghost is there to enable us to be good. O! how noble you become, devout Christian by the grace of God! Therefore, heed the warning of Holy Scripture: "Neglect not the grace that is in thee." If the Holy Ghost warns you of evil or prompts you to do good, say in your heart: "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

#### THE HOLY GHOST ENNOBLES THE CHRISTIAN SOUL

"Human nature is, by necessity, the servant of God. On account, however, of original sin, our whole nature had fallen into such guilt and dishonor that we had become enemies of God. St. Paul says: 'We are by nature the children of wrath.' " (Leo XIII.).

In spite of this sad fact, God took us into his own. Who among men would adopt his enemy or his en-

emy's son as his own? God did this to us. He did far more than that. The father cannot impress upon his adopted son his physical likeness. The child of adoption remains forever a stranger in flesh and blood and features to the family. Not so when we are adopted by God. When sanctifying grace is poured into our souls by the Holy Ghost, there is impressed upon the soul, a supernatural image and likeness of God: and it is a likeness which not only gives us a claim to our heavenly Father's riches; it is a likeness which enables us to enjoy eternally, those riches which consist in being united to him, who is all riches, all goodness, all glory, all happiness; in a word, all perfection.

This is the meaning of many beautiful, mysterious texts which we hear read repeatedly from the altar without grasping their meaning: "He saved us by the laver of regeneration, and renovation of the

Holy Ghost; whom He hath poured forth upon us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: that, being justified by his grace, we may be heirs, according to the hope of life everlasting." (Titus III. 5). "Behold what manner of charity the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called, and should be the sons of God." (I John III. 1). "We are now the sons of God; and it hath not yet appeared what we shall be. We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like to Him: because we shall see Him as He is." (I John, III. 2). "The Spirit himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God; and if sons, heirs also; heirs indeed of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." (Rom. VIII. 16-17). As sons of God let us be mindful of our dignity, and by our virtuous lives, do honor to the Father who adopted us, to the Son who merited for us the grace of adoption, to the Holy Ghost who dwells within us to sanctify us.

## WE ARE THE TEMPLES OF THE HOLY GHOST

“In the sacrament of baptism, when the unclean spirit has been expelled from the soul, the Holy Ghost enters into it and makes it like to himself. God, by his grace, resides in the just soul as in a temple, in a most intimate and peculiar manner.” (Leo XIII.).

By grace, therefore, we become not only sons but favored sons, with whom God chooses to dwell. God is present everywhere and in all things as maker and preserver. But he has chosen our souls, if they are in the state of grace, as his special dwelling place; and because the house of God is called a temple, we bear the noble title of temples of the Holy Ghost. This title the Holy Spirit himself deigns to bestow upon us, his sanctified children, in his Sacred Scriptures. Wherefore beware of desecrating that temple by sin. Remember the sacred text does not merely say your soul is the temple of the Holy



Ghost. It calls all your members such. Your eyes and ears, your hands and feet are dedicated to God's service.

### THE INSPIRATIONS OF THE HOLY GHOST

"The fullness of divine gifts is in many ways a consequence of the indwelling of the Holy Ghost in the souls of the just. Among these gifts are those secret warnings and invitations, which, from time to time, are excited in our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost." (Leo XIII.).

"In the days of my youth I was kept good almost in spite of myself. How I ever escaped so many dangers to my salvation I do not know." Thus we often hear good men speak. The voice of the evil spirit clamors so loudly in our poor weak souls that we scarcely hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. So faint is our consciousness of having hearkened to the inspirations of the Holy Ghost, that upon re-

flection, we seem to have avoided evil in spite of ourselves. No, we did not act in spite of ourselves, but in union with the Holy Spirit who made it possible for us to conquer a superhuman enemy. The spirit of evil is designedly boisterous and anxious to drown, if possible, the voice of conscience. On the other hand, "The Spirit of God breatheth where he will, and thou hearest his voice, but thou knowest not whence he cometh or whither he goeth." Therefore, we must be on our guard. We must have our consciences attuned and responsive to the slightest motions of the Holy Ghost by leading a uniformly good life; or else the allurements of the spirit of evil will enchant us and have us entangled in his snares before we fully realize it. We will lose all delicacy of conscience and that keen sense of sin so necessary for our salvation.

#### THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST

"The just man who lives in the state of grace has need of the seven

gifts which are properly attributed to the Holy Ghost. By means of them the soul is furnished and strengthened so as to be able to obey more easily and promptly his voice and impulse." (Leo XIII.).

To the Holy Ghost himself could be applied those words which he inspired concerning supernatural wisdom: "All things come to me, together with him, and innumerable riches through his hands." As he enters the Christian soul to make of it his dwelling place, he comes laden with precious treasures for his host: sanctifying grace, charity and all the other supernatural virtues. These are called in a general way, gifts of the Holy Ghost. But there are seven supernatural habits which he places in the sanctified soul that bear the distinctive title of, Gifts of the Holy Ghost: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. St. Thomas compares these in our supernatural life, to instinct in the natural life. How

often it happens that after we have escaped from some dangerous predicament we say: "I do not know how I was saved. Instinctively I jumped." As instinct saves us many times from harm to our bodies, so the gifts save us from harm to our souls. Often in our supernatural life, if we had stopped to reason just how much good we had to do, or how much evil we had to avoid to escape sin, we might have fallen from grace entirely. But when we responded to the influence the Holy Ghost brought to bear upon us, through the gifts, we did not stop to measure the efforts our good deeds would cost us; and so, when we look back upon the past, we are surprised how bravely we fought against evil, how courageously we went about some good deed. St. Antonius speaks of the seven gifts also as antidotes to the seven inclinations to evil, which we have all inherited from our first parents. The gift of fear is opposed to pride, the gift of counsel to covetousness,

the gift of wisdom to lust, the gift of understanding to gluttony, the gift of piety to envy, the gift of knowledge to anger, and the gift of fortitude to sloth.

### THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY GHOST

“There are those blessed fruits of the Holy Ghost enumerated by the Apostle: ‘Charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity.’ These fruits the Holy Ghost produces and shows forth in the just even in this life; fruits filled with all sweetness, inasmuch as they proceed from the Spirit.” (Leo XIII.).

Under the influence of a good climate and other favorable circumstances, a tree can produce most beautiful and luscious fruit. On the contrary, bad climatic conditions, or a plague of worms and insects, can hinder its production or destroy and corrupt that which is produced. Our souls may be compared to trees planted in God’s own garden. Un-

der the favorable influence of the gifts of the Holy Ghost, they can produce fruits that are sweet and refreshing to the soul. St. Paul enumerates twelve of them as already mentioned above. If however, we allow the seven capital vices to gnaw upon our souls, they will destroy the good fruit and leave only the vilest kinds of fruit of corruption, which are as St. Paul tells us: enmities, dissensions, immodesty and many other vices. These are the fruits of the evil spirit. Let us look to ourselves and see that the Spirit of God reigns in our souls, lest the spirit of evil begin within us his work of corruption, through the seven capital sins.

#### OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY GHOST

“Perchance there are still to be found among Christians, even nowadays, some who, if asked as were those of old by St. Paul, whether they have received the Holy Ghost, might answer in like manner: ‘We

have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Ghost.' At least there are certainly very many who are deficient in their knowledge of him." (Leo XIII.).

We may not have the leisure to study the sublime truths contained in Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition about the Holy Ghost, but if we frequently speak to that adorable Spirit in prayer, we will soon feel that we know Him. Our acquaintance with Him will develop almost imperceptibly. Each day will bring us closer to Him, through whom we are sanctified and sealed, unto eternal salvation.

### OUR DEVOTION TO THE HOLY GHOST

"We must strive that our love of the Holy Ghost be of such a nature as not to consist merely in dry speculations or external observances, but rather to run forward to action, and especially to fly from sin, which is, in a more special man-

ner, offensive to the Holy Ghost." (Leo XIII.).

We would not stoop so low as to insult a distinguished guest who has deigned to accept hospitality under our roof. The meanest insult we can offer to our divine Guest, the Holy Ghost, who dwells in our poor souls, is to commit sin. By committing mortal sin, the Christian drives out the Holy Ghost, and invites his archenemy, the devil, to take possession of his soul. It may seem difficult to serve God always and keep the temple of the Holy Ghost within us spotless, but if we serve Satan and sin, we will fall into the most abject slavery. Therefore, St. Paul tells us: "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God. Let all bitterness and anger and indignation be put away from you with all malice. And be you kind one to another; merciful, forgiving one another, even as God hath forgiven you." The first step towards devotion to the Holy Ghost should consist in consistently flying from sin,



when the Holy Spirit warns us of its presence, through the voice of conscience or of our elders. We may not be able to spend long hours in vocal prayers in honor of the Holy Spirit, but every hour of our lives we can honor him, by hearkening to his voice, and then, with determination, fleeing from evil or doing good. "Today if you hear his voice, harden not your heart."

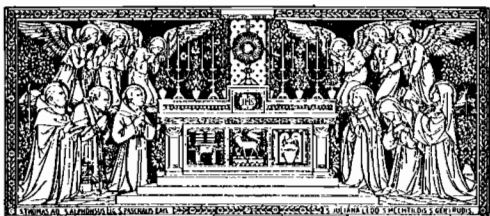




PART III

**Other Devotions**





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## Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is a rite in which Jesus, in the Sacrament of his love, is not only exposed to the adoration of the faithful, but in which he, present in that Sacrament, is implored to bless the faithful present before the Altar. It is not so much the Priest who blesses the people in this rite, as it is Jesus Christ himself, in the Blessed Sacrament, who bestows his benediction upon them.

When the Priest has exposed the Blessed Sacrament, the choir sings:

O Salutaris Hostia,  
Quae caeli pandis ostium,  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria;  
Qui vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria.

*The Tantum ergo is sung:*

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et jubilatio:  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio.

Amen.

*The Choir (or the Priest, still kneeling)  
sings:*

℣. Panem de caelo praestitisti  
eis.

℞ Omne delectamentum in se  
habentem.

(In Eastertide, and during the octave  
of Corpus Christi, Alleluia is added to  
℣. and ℞.)

*Rising, the Priest sings the following prayer:*

OREMUS

Deus qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

*R* Amen.

*The Benediction Veil is now placed upon the shoulders of the Priest. He ascends the steps of the Altar, takes the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament in his hands, makes with It the sign of the Cross over the people. (Meanwhile a bell is rung by an acolyte.)*

THE DIVINE PRAISES\*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God  
and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy  
Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of  
God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immacu-  
late Conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Vir-  
gin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most  
chaste Spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and  
in his Saints.

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\*Indulgence of two years—Leo XIII., Feb. 2, 1897.

*After the Blessed Sacrament has been  
replaced in the Tabernacle, all rise and  
sing:*

### PSALM 116

Laudate Dominum, omnes Gen-  
tes: \* laudate eum, omnes populi.  
Quoniam confirmata est super nos  
misericordia ejus: \* et veritas Do-  
mini manet in aeternum.

*During the singing of the Sicut erat  
of the Gloria, the Celebrant and ministers  
retire; and thus ends the Benediction.*



## Holy Name Devotions

*Prayer for Reverence for the Holy Name  
of Jesus.*

O ADORABLE Spirit, without whose help we cannot even pronounce the name of Jesus as we ought, inspire me with profound reverence and respect for the name of my Saviour. Keep me ever mindful of its sacredness and suffer me not to profane it even through thoughtlessness. May the recollection of that holy Name give me strength in temptation, and comfort in sorrow and affliction. From henceforth may the name of Jesus be my defense, my refuge and my hope. Help me so to reverence it through life, that it may come to my lips at the hour of death as a proof of my love for him who loved me even unto the death of the cross. Amen.

## LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME

Lord have mercy on us.  
Christ have mercy on us.  
Lord have mercy on us.  
Jesus hear us.  
Jesus graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
Jesus, Son of the living God,  
Jesus, Splendor of the Father,  
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,  
Jesus, sun of justice,  
Jesus, King of glory,  
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,  
Jesus, amiable,  
Jesus, admirable,  
Jesus, powerful God,  
Jesus, Father of the world to come,  
Jesus, Angel of the great council,  
Jesus, most powerful,  
Jesus, most patient,  
Jesus, most obedient,  
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
Jesus, lover of chastity,  
Jesus, lover of us,  
Jesus, God of peace,  
Jesus, author of life,  
Jesus, model of all virtues,  
Jesus, zealous for souls,  
Jesus, our God,  
Jesus, our refuge,

*Have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Father of the poor,  
 Jesus, treasure of the faithful,  
 Jesus, good shepherd,  
 Jesus, true light,  
 Jesus, eternal wisdom,  
 Jesus, infinite goodness,  
 Jesus, our way and our life,  
 Jesus, joy of angels,  
 Jesus, king of patriarchs,  
 Jesus, master of apostles,  
 Jesus, teacher of evangelists,  
 Jesus, strength of martyrs,  
 Jesus, light of confessors,  
 Jesus, purity of virgins,  
 Jesus, crown of all saints,

*Have mercy on us.*

Be merciful, spare us, O Jesus.  
 Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus.

From all evil,  
 From all sin,  
 From thy wrath,  
 From the snares of the devil,  
 From the spirit of fornication,  
 From eternal death,  
 From neglect of thy inspirations,  
 By the mystery of thy holy incarnation,  
 By thy nativity,  
 By thine infancy,  
 By thy most divine life,  
 By thy labors,  
 By thine agony and passion,  
 By thy cross and abandonment,  
 By thy sufferings,  
 By thy death and burial,

*Jesus, deliver us.*

By thy resurrection,  
By thine ascension,  
By thy institution of the Most Holy  
Eucharist,  
By thy joys,  
By thy glory,

*Jesus, deliver  
us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Graciously hear us, O  
Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Have mercy on us, O  
Jesus.

#### LET US PRAY

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who hast  
said: Ask, and ye shall receive;  
seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it  
shall be opened unto you: merci-  
fully attend to our supplications,  
and grant us the gift of thy divine  
charity, that we may ever love thee  
with our whole hearts, and never  
desist from thy praise.

Give us, O Lord, a perpetual fear  
and love of thy holy name, for thou  
never ceasest to direct and govern  
by thy grace, those whom thou  
dost solidly establish in thy love.

Who livest and reignest, world  
without end. Amen.

## OFFICIAL HOLY NAME PLEDGE

(To be used at Holy Name Meetings,  
Communions, Rallies, etc.)

In the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Blessed be God.—Blessed be his  
Holy Name.—Blessed be Jesus  
Christ, true God and true man.—  
Blessed be the name of Jesus.

I believe O Jesus—that thou art  
the Christ—the Son of the Living  
God—I proclaim my love—for the  
Vicar of Christ on earth—I believe  
in all the truths—which the Holy  
Catholic Church believes and teach-  
es.—I promise to give good ex-  
ample—by the regular practice—  
of my Faith.

In honor of his Divine Name—I  
pledge myself against perjury,—

blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech.

I pledge my loyalty—to the flag of my country—and to the God-given principles—of freedom, justice and happiness—for which it stands.—I pledge my support—to all lawful authority—both civil and religious.

I dedicate my manhood—to the honor of the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ—and beg that he will keep me faithful—to these pledges—until death.



## Devotions to the Sacred Heart

### PREPARATORY PRAYER

**O** HOLY Ghost, let my life be hidden within that Sacred Heart which was pierced for love of me. Give me grace to love my Saviour who shed the last drop of his precious blood from the wound my sins inflicted on his Sacred Heart. By thy inspirations, remind me often to make reparation for my criminal indifference and that of so many Christians who are unmindful of the goodness of Jesus in the sacrament of love. To thee, O Spirit of deathless Love, I turn for help. Take from me all inordinate human respect; for the wrong regard of creatures blights the soul, so that its fruits are withered. Help me to be more faithful to Jesus, my Love, who dwells in the tabernacle of the altar. In his holy service I wish to live and die.

## LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal  
Father,

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy  
Ghost in the womb of the Virgin  
Mother,

Heart of Jesus, substantially united  
to the Word of God,

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,

Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the  
Most High,

Heart of Jesus, house of God and  
gate of heaven,

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of  
charity,

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and  
love,

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and  
love,

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all  
praise,

Heart of Jesus, king and center of  
all hearts,

*Have mercy on us.*



Heart of Jesus, in which are all the  
treasures of wisdom and knowl-  
edge,  
Heart of Jesus, in which dwells all  
the fullness of Divinity,  
Heart of Jesus, in which the Father  
was well pleased,  
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we  
have all received,  
Heart of Jesus, desire of the ever-  
lasting hills,  
Heart of Jesus, patient and most  
merciful,  
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who  
invoke thee,  
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and  
holiness,  
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our  
sins,  
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with  
opprobrium,  
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our  
offences,  
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,  
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,  
Heart of Jesus, source of all con-  
solation,  
Heart of Jesus, our life and resur-  
rection,  
Heart of Jesus, our peace and recon-  
ciliation,  
Heart of Jesus, victim for sins,  
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those  
who trust in thee,

*Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in thee,	} Have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,	
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, Spare us O Lord.	
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.	
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.	
V Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.	
R Make our hearts like unto thine.	

## LET US PRAY

**O** ALMIGHTY and Eternal God,  
look upon the Heart of thy  
dearly beloved Son, and upon the  
praise and satisfaction he offers  
thee, in the name of sinners, and to  
those who seek thy mercy; grant  
thou, peace and forgiveness, in the  
name of the same Jesus Christ, thy  
Son, who liveth and reigneth with  
thee in the unity of the Holy  
Ghost, true God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO  
THE SACRED HEART  
OF JESUS

**M**OST sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us, humbly prostrate before thy altar. We are thine, and thine we wish to be; but, to be more surely united with thee, behold each of us freely consecrates himself today to thy most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known thee; many too, despising thy precepts, have rejected thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to thy Sacred Heart. Be thou king, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned thee: grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon

there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or Islamism, and refuse not to draw them all into the light and kingdom of God. Turn thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the blood of the Saviour; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life. Grant, O Lord, to thy Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor forever. Amen.

ACT OF REPARATION TO  
THE SACRED HEART  
OF JESUS

**O** ADORABLE Heart of my Saviour and my God, penetrated with a lively grief at the sight of

the outrages which thou hast received and which thou still receivest every day in the sacrament of the Eucharist, behold me here prostrate, to offer reparation for them at the foot of the altar. O that I were able, by my homage and reverence, to repair thy insulted honor! O that I could wipe out, by my tears and my blood, so many irreverences and sacrileges; and that I were able to supply by the fervor of my love, for the coldness and criminal indifference of so many lukewarm Christians! O how well employed would be my life if I could give it to so worthy an object!

Grant, O God, the pardon I ask of thee for so many wicked souls who blaspheme thee, for so many unbelievers who refuse to know thee, for so many heretics and schismatics who dishonor thee, for so many ungrateful Catholics who profane the sacrament of thy love, and above all for myself who have so often insulted thee.

Remember that thy Sacred Heart, bearing the burden of my sins, has been weighed down by them even unto death. Permit not that thy sufferings and thy blood be unprofitable to me. Change my sinful heart and give me one according to thine own, a contrite and a humble heart, a pure and spotless heart, a heart consecrated to thy glory and a victim of thy love.

As for myself, O my God, I promise to repair for the time to come by my modest behaviour in thy house, by my frequent visits to thee, by my fervor and devotion in receiving thee, the irreverences and sacrileges which I deplore in the bitterness of my heart. Lord, vouchsafe to grant me this grace to increase my love for thee, and graciously to accept the desire and resolution with which thou hast inspired me. Amen.





## Stations of the Cross

*To gain the indulgences attached to this devotion two conditions are necessary:*

1. To go from one station to another in regular order. (When many make the stations together it is sufficient for one to go around the church whilst the others remain in their places).
2. To meditate or make some prayerful reflection on each station as you come to it.

To assist us in fulfilling the second point the following prayers are suggested, but we need not use them to gain the indulgences.

### PREPARATORY PRAYER

**M**Y Lord Jesus Christ, thou hast made this journey to die for me with love unutterable, and I have so many times unworthily

abandoned thee and begun again to offend thee. But now I love thee with my whole heart and repent sincerely for ever having offended thee. Pardon me, my God, and permit me to accompany thee on this journey.



### FIRST STATION

*Jesus is condemned to death.*

¶ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

¶ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

### CONSIDERATION

Consider, how Jesus, after being scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross.

### PRAYER

MY adorable Jesus, it was not Pilate; no, it was my sins that condemned thee to die. I beseech thee, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, to assist my soul in her journey towards eternity. Amen.



*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

R/ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R/ Amen.



## SECOND STATION

*Jesus is made to bear his cross.*

✠ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

R/ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

## CONSIDERATION

Consider, how Jesus, in making this journey with the cross on his shoulders, thought of us and offered for us, to his heavenly Father, the death he was about to undergo.

## PRAYER

**M**Y most beloved Jesus! I embrace all the tribulations thou hast destined for me until death. I

beseech thee, by the merits of the pain thou didst suffer in carrying thy cross, to give me the necessary help to carry mine with perfect patience and resignation.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

✠ Amen.



### THIRD STATION

*Jesus falls the first time under his cross.*

✠ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

✠ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

### CONSIDERATION

Consider this first fall of Jesus under the cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges, his head crowned with thorns and he had lost a great quantity of

blood. He was so weakened that he could scarcely walk, and yet he had to carry this great load upon his shoulders. The soldiers struck him rudely and thus he fell several times.

## PRAYER

**M**Y Jesus, it is not the weight of the cross but of my sins, which has made thee suffer so much pain. Ah, by the merits of this first fall, deliver me from the misfortune of falling into mortal sin. I love thee, O my Jesus, and I repent with my whole heart of ever having offended thee.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

℟ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℟ Amen.



## FOURTH STATION

*Jesus meets his afflicted Mother.*

¶ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

¶ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

## CONSIDERATION

Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. Their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

## PRAYER

MY sweet Jesus, by the sorrow thou didst experience in this meeting, grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for thy most holy Mother. And thou, my Queen, who wast overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me, by thy intercession, a continual and tender remembrance of the passion of thy Son.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

¶ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

R̃ Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
have mercy on us.

Ÿ May the souls of the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God  
rest in peace.

R̃ Amen.



### FIFTH STATION

*The Cyrenian helps Jesus to carry  
his cross.*

Ÿ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
and bless thy holy name.

R̃ Because by thy holy cross thou hast  
redeemed the world.

### CONSIDERATION

Consider how the Jews, seeing that at each step, Jesus was on the point of expiring, and fearing that he would die on the way when they wished him to die the ignominious death of the cross, constrained Simon, the Cyrenian, to carry the cross behind our Lord.

### PRAYER

MY most beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the cross as the Cyrenian did. I accept it, I embrace it. I accept, in particular, the death thou hast destined for me with all

the pains which may accompany it; I unite it to thy death, I offer it to thee. Thou hast died for love of me. I will die for love of thee. Help me by thy grace.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

R̄ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R̄ Amen.



## SIXTH STATION

*Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.*

✠ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

R̄ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

## CONSIDERATION

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so ill-treated and his face bathed in sweat and blood, presented him with a towel with which he wiped his adorable face, leaving on it the impression of his holy countenance.

## PRAYER

**M**Y most beloved Jesus, thy face was beautiful before, but in this journey it has lost all its beauty, and wounds and blood have disfigured it. Alas! my soul also was once beautiful, when it received thy grace in baptism; but I have disfigured it since by my sins. Thou alone, my Redeemer, canst restore it to its former beauty. Do this by thy passion, O Jesus.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

✠ Amen.



## SEVENTH STATION

*Jesus falls the second time.*

✠ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

℞ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

### CONSIDERATION

Consider the second fall of Jesus under the cross, a fall which renewed the pain of all the wounds of his head and members.

### PRAYER

**M**Y most sweet Jesus, how many times thou hast pardoned me, and how many times I have fallen again and begun again to offend thee! Oh! by the merits of this second fall, give me the necessary help to persevere in thy grace until death. Grant that in all temptations which assail me I may always commend myself to thee.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

℣ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

℞ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

℣ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℞ Amen.





## EIGHTH STATION

*Jesus speaks to the daughters  
of Jerusalem.*

¶ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
and bless thy holy name.

¶ Because by thy holy cross thou hast  
redeemed the world.

## CONSIDERATION

Consider how those women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus in such a pitiable state, streaming with blood as he walked along. "Daughters of Jerusalem," said he, "weep not over me; but weep for yourselves, and for your children." (St. Luke XXIII. 28).

## PRAYER

MY Jesus, laden with sorrows, I weep for the offences I have committed against thee, because of the pains they have deserved but still more because of the displeasure they have caused thee, who hast loved me so much. It is thy love more than the fear of hell which causes me to weep for my sins.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

℞ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℞ Amen.



### NINTH STATION

*Jesus falls the third time.*

✠ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

℞ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

### CONSIDERATION

Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ. His weakness was extreme, and the cruelty of his executioners excessive. They tried to hasten his steps when he could scarcely move.

### PRAYER

**O**H, my outraged Jesus, by the merits of the weakness thou didst suffer in going to Calvary, give me strength sufficient to conquer all human respect, and all my wicked passions which have led me to despise my friendship.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

✠ Amen.



### TENTH STATION

*Jesus is stripped of his garments.*

✠ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

✠ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

### CONSIDERATION

Consider the violence with which the executioners stripped Jesus. His inner garments adhered to his torn flesh, and they dragged them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Compassionate your Saviour thus cruelly treated.

### PRAYER

MY innocent Jesus, by the merit of the torments thou hast felt, help me to strip myself of all affection to things of earth, in order

that I may place all my love in thee, who art so worthy of my love. I love thee, O Jesus, and I repent of ever having offended thee.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

✠ Amen.



## ELEVENTH STATION

*Jesus is nailed to the cross.*

✠ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

✠ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

## CONSIDERATION

Consider how Jesus, after being thrown on the cross, extended his hands and offered to his eternal Father the sacrifice of his life for our salvation. These barbarians fastened him with nails, and then, securing the cross, allowed him to die with anguish on this infamous gibbet.

## PRAYER

**M**Y Jesus, loaded with contempt,  
nail my heart to thy feet, that  
it may ever remain there to love  
thee and never quit thee again. I  
love thee more than myself and I  
repent of ever having offended  
thee. Never permit me to offend  
thee again.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to  
the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have  
mercy on us.

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God  
rest in peace.

✠ Amen.



## TWELFTH STATION

*Jesus dies on the cross.*

✠ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
and bless thy holy name.

✠ Because by thy holy cross thou hast  
redeemed the world.

## CONSIDERATION

Consider how Jesus, after three hours' agony on the cross, consumed at length with anguish, abandoned himself to the weight of his body, bowed his head and died.

## PRAYER

O MY dying Jesus, I kiss devoutly the cross on which thou didst die for love of me. By my sins, I have merited to die a miserable death but thy death is my hope. Ah, by the merits of thy death, give me grace to die embracing thy feet and burning with love for thee.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

℟ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℟ Amen.



## THIRTEENTH STATION

*Jesus is taken down from the cross.*

℣ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

℟ Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

## CONSIDERATION

Consider how our Lord having expired, two of his disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took him down from the cross and placed him in the arms of his afflicted Mother, who received him with unutterable tenderness and pressed him to her bosom.

## PRAYER

**O** MOTHER of Sorrows! for the love of this Son accept me for thy servant and pray to him for me. And thou, my Redeemer, since thou hast died for me, permit me to love thee; for I wish but thee and nothing more. I love thee above all things.

*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

℣ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

R̃ Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
have mercy on us.

Ÿ May the souls of the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God  
rest in peace.

R̃ Amen.



#### FOURTEENTH STATION

*Jesus is placed in the sepulchre.*

Ÿ We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
and bless thy holy name.

R̃ Because by thy holy cross thou hast  
redeemed the world.

#### CONSIDERATION

Consider how the disciples carried the  
body of Jesus to bury it, accompanied by  
his holy Mother, who arranged it in the  
sepulchre with her own hands. They then  
closed the tomb and all withdrew.

#### PRAYER

**O**H my buried Jesus, I kiss the  
stone that incloses thee, but  
thou didst rise again the third day.  
I beseech thee by thy resurrection,  
make me rise glorious with thee at  
the last day, to be always united  
with thee in heaven, to praise thee  
and love thee forever.



*Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.*

✠ Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

✠ Amen.

*N.B.* Those who cannot make the Stations of the Cross in church because of sickness or for some similar reason may gain the indulgences, if they have a crucifix blessed and indulgenced for this purpose. All that is required is, that *the crucifix be held in the hand and the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father*, be recited twenty times; that is, once for each station, five times in honor of the Five Wounds of our Lord, and once for the Pope's intentions.



INDULGENCED PRAYER BEFORE  
A CRUCIFIX

**L**OOK down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul, pray and beseech thee, to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind what the prophet David put into thy mouth concerning thee, O good Jesus: "They have dug my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones." (Ps. XXI. 17, 18).

(A plenary indulgence which may be applied to the poor souls in purgatory can be gained by those who recite this prayer before an image or picture of Christ crucified after Communion and pray for the intentions of the Pope).

## Devotions in Honor of the Blessed Virgin

*Prayer in honor of the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary, worthy dwelling place  
of the Holy Ghost.*

**O** ALMIGHTY and Eternal God,  
who didst prepare in the heart  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a  
dwelling place worthy of the Holy  
Spirit, grant we beseech thee, that  
whilst we celebrate with tender de-  
votion the memory of this most  
pure heart, we may live according  
to thy own heart. Through Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
(Commonly called *Litany of Loretto*)

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, have mercy  
on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

*Pray  
for us.*

Mother of Christ,  
Mother of divine grace,  
Mother most pure,  
Mother most chaste,  
Mother inviolate,  
Mother undefiled,  
Mother most amiable,  
Mother most admirable,  
Mother of good counsel,  
Mother of our Creator,  
Mother of our Saviour,  
Virgin most prudent,  
Virgin most venerable,  
Virgin most renowned,  
Virgin most powerful,  
Virgin most merciful,  
Virgin most faithful,  
Mirror of justice,  
Seat of wisdom,  
Cause of our joy,  
Spiritual vessel,  
Vessel of honor,  
Singular vessel of devotion,  
Mystical rose,  
Tower of David,  
Tower of ivory,  
House of gold,  
Ark of the covenant,  
Gate of heaven,  
Morning star,  
Health of the sick,  
Refuge of sinners,  
Comforter of the afflicted,  
Help of Christians,  
Queen of angels,

*Pray for us.*

Queen of patriarchs,	} Pray for us.
Queen of prophets,	
Queen of apostles,	
Queen of martyrs,	
Queen of confessors,	
Queen of virgins,	
Queen of all saints,	
Queen conceived without original sin,	
Queen of the most holy rosary,	
Queen of peace,	

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Graciously hear us, O  
Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, Have mercy on us.

*\*From Feb. 2 to Easter and from  
Trinity Sunday to Advent say*

✠ Pray for us, O holy Mother of  
God.

R. That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.

#### LET US PRAY

Grant, O Lord God, we beseech  
thee, that we, thy servants, may re-  
joice in continual health of mind  
and body; and through the glori-  
ous intercession of the Blessed  
Mary ever Virgin, be freed from  
present sorrow and enjoy eternal

gladness. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*From Advent to Christmas the following  
prayer is said*

℣ The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

℞ And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

LET US PRAY

O God, who wast pleased that thy Word, at the message of an angel, should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant unto us, thy humble servants, that we, who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be assisted by her intercession with thee. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From Christmas to Feb. 2 the  
following prayer is said*

℣ After childbirth thou didst remain a pure Virgin.

℞ O Mother of God, intercede for us.

LET US PRAY

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, hast given

unto mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession through whom we have been made worthy to receive the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen.

*From Easter to Trinity Sunday  
the following prayer is said*

℣ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

℟ For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### LET US PRAY

O God, who through the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy; grant we beseech thee, that, through his Virgin Mother Mary, we may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*N.B. The Roman Ritual as revised by Pope Pius X., directs the prayer after the litany of the B.V. Mary to be changed according to the season and gives a prayer for each season.

## The Angelus

∞ The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

℞ And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

*Hail Mary, etc.*

∞ Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

℞ Be it done unto me according to thy word.

*Hail Mary, etc.*

∞ AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.

℞ And dwelt among it.

*Hail Mary, etc.*

∞ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℞ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Christ thy Son by the



message of an Angel, so, by his Passion and Cross, we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The *Angelus* should be said morning, noon and night; kneeling, except on Saturday evening and throughout Sunday.

## Regina Coeli

In *Eastertide*, instead of the *Angelus*, the *Regina Coeli* is said standing.

O Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.  
For he whom thou didst merit to  
bear, Alleluia.

Hath risen, as he said, Alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

℣ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

℟ For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia.

### LET US PRAY

O God, who, through the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus

Christ, didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech thee, that, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, we may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. R̄ Amen.



## Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

THE VIRTUE WHICH EACH  
MYSTERY SHOULD REMIND  
US TO PRACTICE

### JOYFUL MYSTERIES

*Spirit of holy joy*

1. ANNUNCIATION

*Purity*

2. VISITATION

*Fraternal Charity*

3. THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

*Spirit of Poverty*

4. THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS

*Obedience*

5. THE FINDING OF JESUS

*Fidelity to the duties of our state*

### SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

*Spirit of Compassion and Contrition*

1. AGONY IN THE GARDEN

*Fervor in Prayer*

2. SCOURGING OF JESUS

*Penance and Mortification of the  
Passions*

3. CROWNING WITH THORNS

*Humility*

## 4. JESUS CARRIES THE CROSS

*Patience and Moral Courage*

## 5. THE CRUCIFIXION

*Sacrifice in the service of God and neighbor*

## GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

*Spirit of Faith and Adoration*

## 1. THE RESURRECTION

*Faith*

## 2. THE ASCENSION

*Hope*

## 3. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST

*Love of our holy Religion*

## 4. THE ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.

*Devotion to our Blessed Mother*

## 5. THE CORONATION OF THE B.V.M.

*Perseverance*

## SALVE REGINA

**H**AIL holy Queen, Mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed

Fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

### MEMORARE

**R**EMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**P**ROSTRATE at thy sacred feet, O august Queen of heaven, I venerate thee with the most profound respect, and I believe that thou art the daughter of the eternal Father, the Mother of his divine Son, and the Spouse of the

Holy Ghost. Full of grace and virtues and heavenly gifts, thou art the purest temple of the most holy Trinity, thou art the treasury and dispenser of divine mercy. Thy Immaculate Heart, full of charity, sweetness and tenderness, has given thee the name of Mother of divine clemency. Therefore, in my affliction and agony I present myself with confidence before thee, our most loving Mother, and I pray thee to make me experience the love which thou bearest us; Grant me (*specify the favor*) if it be the will of God and for the good of my soul.

(The above prayer is indulgenced and is appropriate for a novena).

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR  
THE CONVERSION OF AFRICA

**O**UR Lady of Africa, thou whose Immaculate heart is so full of mercy and of maternal compassion, be moved with tender pity at the

profound misery of the Mussulmans and other unbelievers in Africa. Remember that the souls of those poor infidels are the work of thy divine Son's hands, that they were created to his image and ransomed at the cost of his precious Blood. Mother of mercy, do not permit those unfortunate creatures, who are yet thy children as well as we, any longer to go on rushing into hell in spite of the merits of Jesus Christ, and of the most cruel death he suffered for their salvation. Obtain for them, the knowledge of our holy religion and the grace to love it, to embrace it and to practice it faithfully. And since thou art the sovereign Lady of Africa, O Queen of Apostles, deign to select legions of holy missionaries, and send them to those forsaken regions, to conquer them, to snatch them from death and from Satan, and to bring them into the fold of the true Church. Thus shall we be all united in the same hope and the same love, in thy most

pure heart and in the adorable heart of thy divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified and died for the salvation of all men, and who now, gloriously risen, lives and reigns together with the Father and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

The following prayer was especially approved and indulgenced by Pope Leo XIII. as appropriate for use after the recitation of the Rosary.

**O** thee, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and, having implored the help of thy thrice-holy spouse, we now with hearts filled with confidence earnestly beg thee also to take us under thy protection. By that charity wherewith thou wert united to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray that thou wilt look down with gracious eyes upon that



inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and wilt succor us in our need by thy power and strength.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness; and even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the peril of his life, so now defend God's holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under thy patronage, that, following thy example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH  
FOR PURITY

**G**UARDIAN of virgins and father, holy Joseph, to whose faithful care Christ Jesus, Inno-

cence itself, and Mary, Virgin of Virgins, were committed, I pray and beg of thee by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, free me from all uncleanness, and make me with spotless mind, pure heart and chaste body, ever more chastely to serve Jesus and Mary, all the days of my life.

#### PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

**W**E have recourse to thee, powerful Wonder-worker, in whose breast the sublime flame of charity towards God and the poor, burned so ardently; to thee, who didst merit to hold in thy arms, the infant Jesus who elected to be born poor; we turn to thee, full of confidence, that thou mayest entreat our good Jesus to have compassion on us amid our many tribulations. O, obtain for us the favor we humbly ask (*mention here the desired favor*). If thou dost obtain it, O glorious St. Anthony, we will make

our offering of bread for the poor whom thou didst love so much on earth.

(This prayer implies a promise to give alms to the poor if we obtain the favor we are asking through St. Anthony).

### PRAYER TO ST. PATRICK

*(from the Missal)*

**O** GOD, who wast pleased to send forth blessed Patrick, confessor and bishop, to declare thy glory among the nations: through his merits and prayers vouchsafe that all thou commandest us to do, thy loving kindness may enable us to accomplish. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER TO ST. RITA

*(from the Missal)*

**O** GOD, who to St. Rita didst vouchsafe the great grace in very truth to love her enemies, and both in her heart and on her brow, to bear the stigmata of thy passion: have regard, we beseech thee,

to her merits and her prayers; and grant that we may, in such wise, show mercy to our enemies, and so meditate on the pains of thy passion as to make our own, the blessedness promised to them that are meek and to them that mourn. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

### PRAYER TO ST. BARBARA

*for the Grace of a Happy Death*

**O** LORD, who selected St. Barbara for the consolation of the living and the dying, grant us, by her intercession, ever to live in thy divine love and to put all our confidence in the merits of the most sorrowful passion of thy Son. May death never surprise us, but comforted by the holy sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Extreme Unction, may we set forward without fear towards eternal glory. This, we beseech thee, by the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY GHOST

I. Send a copy of the statutes to the Most Rev. Ordinary of the diocese with a copy of the formal petition for erection and aggregation with the Archconfraternity (filled out).

II. When you have received the decree of erection from the Ordinary you are ready to enroll members, for which purpose you must have a register or at least some form of blank book. Be sure to inscribe the name of each member in the register, for that is the only absolutely necessary condition for valid reception.

III. Send the petition for aggregation with the Archconfraternity to the Director of the Archconfraternity at Holy Ghost College, Cornwells Heights, Pa. This petition must bear the approval of the Ordinary. Finally submit the Diploma of aggregation and the list of Indulgences, received from the Director of the Archconfraternity, to the Ordinary, for his final approval. This is necessary for a participation in the indulgences of the Archconfraternity.

As a petition to the Ordinary for the erection and aggregation of a Holy Ghost

Confraternity the following formula may be used:—

Salutem Revmo. et Illmo. Domino!

Ego infrascriptus N. N. ....  
 desiderio motus promovendi ac dilatandi  
 devotionem erga Spiritum Sanctum, hu-  
 militer peto ab Illma. ac Revma. Ampli-  
 tudine Vestra, ut benigne precibus annu-  
 ens Confraternitatem Spiritus Sancti in  
 Ecclesia N. N. .... erigas  
 ad altare majus, et erectam declares,  
 statuta approbes et Directorem Ecclesiae,  
 instantem meipsum: N. N. ....  
 et meos Successores, Confraternitatis  
 designes Directores cum facultatibus ne-  
 cessariis et opportunis, praesertim sus-  
 cipiendi Christifideles utriusque sexus,  
 laicos et religiosos, necnon cum facultate  
 sibi subdelegandi alios ad tales rite  
 suscipiendos; itemque litteras testimoni-  
 ales exhibeas ut aggregari possit Archi-  
 confraternitati in Oratorio Patrum Con-  
 gregationis Spiritus Sancti apud Colle-  
 gium Sancti Spiritus, Cornwells Heights,  
 Pa., existendi ad effectum participandi  
 bonis spiritualibus ac lucrandi indul-  
 gentias, quibus ista abundanter ditata  
 est praefata Archiconfraternitas.

Summa qua par est reverentia, per-  
 maneo Illmae. Dominationis Vestrae N.N.

## OFFICIAL RECEPTION INTO THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY GHOST

I. The names of the members to be received must be inscribed in the *Confraternity Register*. This can be done by appointing promoters each of whom will bring in the names of ten Parishioners who *wish* to be enrolled in the Confraternity. If one of members later expresses his intention of withdrawing the promoter is expected to get another member to fill up the band of ten. (Anyone may, however, hand in his name directly to the Priests of the parish, or request by letter to be enrolled.)

II. The solemn reception of those whose names have been inscribed on the register should take place, if possible on some feast day, preferably Pentecost or Epiphany.

III. The solemn reception opens with the singing of the "Veni Creator" or some hymn in honor of the Holy Ghost.

IV. After the hymn a sermon or instruction should be given on devotion to the Holy Ghost. In accordance with the object of the Confraternity special emphasis should be laid in this sermon on (a) the truth that the ordinary way by

which the Holy Ghost guides the good Christian is through obedience to the properly constituted authority; (b) the necessity of using not only human prudence in solving our daily difficulties but of invoking the Holy Ghost for light and guidance from above; (c) a day should be set for the monthly meeting of the Confraternity.

V. After the sermon the candidates for reception come to the Communion rail and each one is given a copy of the statutes and prayers of the Confraternity. The following formula may be used when giving the members the copy of the statutes:—REMEMBER, DEVOUT CHRISTIAN THAT “WHOSOEVER ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD.”

VI. When all have received a copy of the statutes of the Confraternity, the members solemnly consecrate themselves to the Holy Ghost: for that purpose the following prayer found on page 249 of this Manual is read aloud by the Director:—“On my knees etc., etc.”

VII. The reception may close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**N. B.** None of the above ceremonies are necessary for valid reception except the inscription of the names on the register.



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